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New Hampshire Senate Finance Committee

State House, Room 105

107 North Main Street

Concord, NH 03301

Dear New Hampshire Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to encourage you to support the University System of New Hampshire's operating budget request to freeze tuition for New Hampshire resident students. The chamber understands that there are many competing priorities in the state budget and we believe a strong and vibrant university system should be one of them.

Being adjacent to the University of New Hampshire in Durham, many of our members and companies in the greater Seacoast region rely upon UNH to educate and prepare highly-skilled workers.

The chamber knows that the cost of higher education is expensive for New Hampshire students and families. With increased funding for the university system dedicated to freezing tuition, we think it will not only help make the cost of attending more affordable but it will also encourage more New Hampshire students to apply and enroll at USNH institutions and remain in New Hampshire for employment.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Molly Hodgson

President

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cc:

New Hampshire Senator David Watters

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