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**House Budget Proposal Forces False Choices, Hurts Vulnerable Citizens, and Threatens State's Future**

CONCORD, NH – New Hampshire organizations concerned about maintaining New Hampshire's high quality of life joined together today to respond to the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget proposed by the House Finance Committee.

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute issued the following statement:

"This budget pits vital public services against one another as it attempts to achieve a misguided sense of balance. Rather than explore modest, sensible options to increase available revenue, the House Finance Committee has turned a blind eye to the needs of New Hampshire's most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly, the disabled and the homeless," said New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute Executive Director Jeff McLynch.

"Our budget is a statement of priorities, underscoring what we value as a society. We do not have to choose among a safe transportation system, affordable higher education, and healthy communities. We can and should invest in all of these things to ensure that New Hampshire offers a high quality of life for all residents and remains an attractive place for businesses to operate and families to call home."

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to exploring, developing, and promoting public policies that foster economic opportunity and prosperity for all New Hampshire residents, with an emphasis on low- and moderate-income families and individuals. Learn more at [www.nhfpi.org](http://www.nhfpi.org).