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NH House Members Remain Committed to Bipartisan Bail Reform Solution

Concord, NH: House conferees on the HB 610 committee of conference released the following statements today following the committee's impasse reached during this morning's meeting:

Reps. Terry Roy (R-Deerfield) and David Meuse (D-Portsmouth):

"Democratic and Republican members of the House Criminal Justice committee are committed to facilitating an open, transparent, and inclusive process on bail reform this year. There were a number of concerns with the approach taken in the Senate bail reform language as currently presented, and we knew the votes weren't there to pass it on the House floor. It is a shame that the money to implement a state-wide bail tracking system was tied to the Senate legislation after they removed it from the budget. This is, in our opinion, necessary for any bail bill we pass to work properly."

Rep. Lucy Weber (D-Walpole):

"House conferees are confident that a bipartisan comprehensive, solution will be crafted in the coming months, and earn the necessary votes for passage. It is unfortunate that the Senate would not compromise in supporting a program to improve bail notification across jurisdictions, which cities and towns have acknowledged would go a long way toward addressing issues within the system."

Rep. Erica Layon (R-Derry):

"It is unfortunate that bail reform was added to this simple bill, HB610, which would allow all doctors in New Hampshire who can prescribe opioids for humans the option to certify a patient for therapeutic cannabis. With the failure to agree, dentists and 3 other types of doctors remain excluded from the option of cannabis for pain or other specific conditions."

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