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Senator Sharon Carson Stands with Granite Staters, Supporting the Committee Recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 639- FN-A

Concord, NH - Senator Sharon Carson stands firmly with the people of New Hampshire, prioritizing their well-being and safety, as she supports the Committee's recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) on House Bill 639-FN-A. House Bill 639-FN-A sought to legalize the recreational use of a specific drug within the state. While recognizing the diverse opinions on this matter, Senator Carson believes that prioritizing the well-being of our communities requires a cautious and measured approach:

"As a representative of the people of New Hampshire, it is crucial that we prioritize their safety and focus on addressing the current drug crisis that our communities are facing," stated Senator Carson.

"New Hampshire, like many other states, is grappling with the devastating impact of the drug crisis on individuals, families, and communities. While I recognize the diverse opinions surrounding the legalization of recreational drugs, now is not the right time for such a measure.

"Our state is currently facing a severe drug crisis, and we must focus our resources on tackling this issue head-on. By investing in prevention programs, expanding access to treatment, and providing support for those in recovery, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Granite Staters."

While the Committee has recommended ITL on House Bill 639-FN-A, it is important to note that individuals in New Hampshire who require medical marijuana for legitimate medical purposes can still access it through the existing medical marijuana program. Senator Carson acknowledges the importance of providing compassionate care to those who can benefit from medical marijuana, stating, "We have an existing medical marijuana program that serves the needs of individuals with legitimate medical conditions. Our focus should remain on ensuring that patients have access to the care they need while also prioritizing public safety."