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## NH House Deputy Speaker Responds to Claims of Divisive Remarks on Vaccines

**Concord, NH: Deputy Speaker Steven Smith (R-Charlestown) released the following statement in direct response to Democratic Leader Rep. Renny Cushing's (D-Hampton) most recent rhetoric:**

"I read Rep. Cushing's comments regarding the press conference on Tuesday 9/14 and was disappointed, but not surprised. Had Representatives Cushing and Marsh paid attention, they would have heard Speaker Packard and myself making the case that one bureaucrat 500 miles away should not have the ability to force you to get a medical procedure as a condition of employment. This type of "Emergency Temporary Standard" circumvents the normal review and comment process of rulemaking. I thought I was very clear to the point of redundancy. New Hampshire deserves better than representatives who ignore the facts and use any opportunity to distort the truth to serve their political agenda."

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