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Statement by Senator Carson on SB206

Concord, NH - Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry), issued the following statement on SB206, prohibiting corporal punishment in child daycare agencies:

“Senate bill 206 builds a strong line of defense for the most vulnerable group in the Granite State – our children,” stated Senator Carson.

“Previous standards were not keeping children safe, allowing individuals to violate the boundaries of the children within their care. This was a terrifying reality for many families, like the Morissettes, who were given no route of recourse, or means of justice for the physical and emotional harm inflicted on their child. I want to personally thank them for their bravery in speaking out about their tragic experience.

“With the passage of Senate Bill 206, we will finally end this toxic cycle by closing the loophole, confirming that ‘corporal punishment’ meets the definition of abuse in New Hampshire’s childcare regulations and statutes.

“Granite State children will no longer fall victim to this abuse, and parents can take comfort in knowing that justice will be delivered if/when it does.”

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Senate Bill 206 clarified “corporal punishment” as fitting the definition of abuse regarding New Hampshire childcare facility regulations. Previously, no action could take place against caregivers in cases where a child was found to be from suffering corporal punishment in a childcare facility.