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New Hampshire has above average rent and housing prices. We are in the top ten most expensive states for Healthcare costs. Eversource has just announced a 40% supply price increase over the next five years. Education costs are also above average and rising. The new statewide average operating cost per pupil of \$20,323 is up 4.8 percent from last year's average cost per pupil of \$19,400. New Hampshire spent more than \$3.8 billion in the 2022-2023 school year. All of these costs are contributing to a higher-than-average cost of living in our state which must be addressed or we risk losing our young people and forcing our elderly back into the workforce or homelessness.

We need a statewide master plan and coordinated effort among government, employers, builders, and town planning boards to increase the supply of housing throughout the state to bring down the cost of rents and housing. (The subsidies Harris/Walz are talking about will only exacerbate housing inflation.) We need new, innovative solutions to our high energy costs, such as Slightly Used Nuclear Fuel (SUNF reactors), increased emphasis on conservation and energy efficient appliances, increased use of clean burning natural gas and propane, use of clean coal and other fossil fuels, and (where practical) adoption of alternative energy solutions, such as hydroelectric, solar, and geothermal. New Hampshire is the second most forested state in the USA, so alternative energy makes less sense in our state than other states, but should be incorporated into an "diversified energy" approach to bringing down the supply cost of electricity and home heating and cooling.

We are careening toward a health care crisis due to an aging demographic and limited supply of medical personnel. NH has the second oldest population in the USA. We also have a growing population of people who are turning to Medicaid (welfare) for their long-term care needs instead of buying insurance to cover this very high cost. Finally, we are witnessing illegal aliens overwhelming and bankrupting hospitals and other providers throughout the United States due to their sheer numbers and the fact the federal government is not conducting adequate health vetting before admission to our country. We need to leverage new price transparency laws to help bring the cost of healthcare down in our state and increase the supply of medical providers through legal immigration and supporting our universities focused on educating doctors, nurses, and other health care personnel.