



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

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Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be with you today, but I would like to join you in supporting the Eleanor's Hope initiative and to recognize the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM) for everything that you do to advocate for the health and financial security of citizens across the country.

Founded in 1982, the NCPSSM has grown to become the nation's leading advocacy group to fight for the protection of these critical services that inject money into our state, promote the health and well-being of our citizens, boost our economy and contribute to the high-quality of life that New Hampshire is known for. And through Eleanor's Hope, you continue to build on that mission by making a difference on women's health and retirement security issues.

In New Hampshire this year, we have made significant progress on these critical issues, passing the bipartisan New Hampshire Paycheck Fairness Act and a bipartisan plan that will expand access to health care coverage to up to 50,000 Granite Staters. Ensuring that women and men can earn equal pay for an equal day's work and that our families have access to affordable, quality health coverage are economic imperatives, and these two bills strengthen the health and economic security of hard-working Granite Staters and eliminate an unnecessary strain on New Hampshire families.

Once again, I would like to thank the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare for your efforts promote the health and financial well-being of our citizens. I look forward to continuing to work with you toward a healthier, stronger New Hampshire, where all of our citizens are included in our shared success and prosperity.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maggie Hassan".

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor