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Hi everyone,

[Please see attached for a letter I sent to Governor Sununu today.](#) asking him to move teachers, grocery store workers, and Type I diabetics to Phase 1B. All of these members of our community face increased risk and it should be a priority to get them protected.

Last week, I had the chance to participate in a number of exciting virtual meetings throughout our community. On Wednesday night, I joined an incredible group of Seacoast leaders for the Lead Your Community: Run for Office! event, where we shared what it's like to run for office. The following night, I spoke at the NH Renews launch, discussing the role that housing plays in creating a more equitable future for our state. It was awesome to see so many folks working hard to create a more just and equitable future for our state. I then ended my week meeting with Perry Plummer, who is overseeing our state's vaccine distribution efforts. A friendly reminder for those who are in Phase 1B: you can begin registering

online at 8:00 am on January 22nd by visiting

<http://www.vaccines.nh.gov>.

This past week also marked the deadline to co-sponsor legislation, and I am excited to share [my legislative priorities](#). This year will be critical to addressing urgent needs and long-term structural items, allowing the State to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic stronger than ever. To do so, we must address our housing crisis, invest in renewable energy, support working families and local businesses, provide COVID relief, and ensure all folks can thrive free from discrimination. I've co-sponsored legislation to support all these principles by:

- Increasing our state's affordable housing stock
- Expanding renters assistance and extending eviction notices
- Setting greenhouse gas emission limits
- Supporting renewable energy projects that benefit low-middle income residents
- Requiring sufficient space and reasonable break time for nursing mothers
- Extending unpaid leave benefits to employees for COVID-19 purposes
- Establishing an independent advisory commission on redistricting and ensure a transparent process for the redistricting commission
- Implementing the recommendations of the LEACT Commission, including requiring collection of data for all traffic stops, implicit bias training for judges and establishing a body-worn and dashboard camera fund in this year's budget
- Providing targeted assistance and long-term planning support to our state's live performance venues, especially the smallest
- Prohibiting the use of LGBTQ panic defense in manslaughter cases

In total, I am sponsoring or co-sponsoring 57 pieces of legislation, with a complete list available on the [legislation page of my website](#). I'll be sure to keep you updated throughout the year on where my legislation stands and other initiatives I plan to work on.

Lastly, I wanted to share updated information regarding the payment protection program for businesses. Businesses are eligible for a second PPP loan of up to \$2 million, provided they have 300 or fewer employees, have used or will use the full amount of their first PPP loan, and can show a 25% gross revenue decline in any 2020 quarter compared with the same quarter in 2019. **The SBA opened their loan portal last week on a first come first serve basis.**

Stay safe and best wishes,
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