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Dear Governor Hassan and Friends:

Thank you for the invitation to celebrate the kick-off of Partnership for a Drug-Free New Hampshire's media campaign. Although I am not able to be with you today, I am proud to have taken the Partnership Champion pledge and I join you in recognizing the critical importance of preventing alcohol and substance abuse in the young people of our State.

I applaud the Partnership's "Check the Stats" campaign, aimed at parents and caregivers of New Hampshire's teens and tweens to inform them of the high rates of alcohol and drug usage among our youth. The campaign will inform adults of the facts and give them practical tools to protect their children.

The campaign builds upon the work of the Governor's Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and its report, *New Hampshire's Strategy for Reducing the Misuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs and Promoting Recovery, 2013-2017*. Among the report's several goals, the Partnership is taking on the education of parents, as a key component of alcohol and substance use prevention among young people.

I applaud the initiative and I stand ready to use my office to help spread the word. Through social media and in my many conversations with families, business leaders and community organizations, I pledge to share the Partnership message, to help improve understanding of the impact of alcohol and other drug misuse in the State.

So, thank you Partnership members and leaders and thank you, Governor, for devoting your time, energy and leadership to protecting our youth and investing in our State's future.

Sincerely,



Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress