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SEA/SEIU Local 1984 Applauds Signing of the State Budget, Celebrates Pay Raise for State Employees

Concord, NH - The State Employees' Association (SEA), a leading labor union representing state, municipal and private sector employees, proudly supports today's signing of the New Hampshire state budget, which includes a significant pay raise for state employees. The SEA commends Governor Chris Sununu, lawmakers and all advocates involved in this important bipartisan decision, which recognizes the invaluable contributions of our hardworking public servants.

The NH state budget, signed into law this afternoon by Governor Sununu, demonstrates a commitment to prioritizing the welfare of state employees and acknowledges their dedication to serving the citizens of the Granite State. The SEA has a proud history of advocating for fair wages and improved working conditions for state employees, and this pay raise represents a significant step towards achieving those goals.

The SEA firmly believes that fair compensation is crucial for attracting and retaining talented individuals who contribute to the betterment of our state. SEA President Rich Gulla, stated "This pay raise will enhance the morale and motivation of state employees, ensuring that they can continue delivering vital services to the residents of NH without undue financial stress."

In addition to the pay raise, the state budget includes provisions to create a commission to study retirement benefits and retention of employees. It also gives an additional one time \$500 to retirees with a pension of less than \$40,000, provides a long overdue fix to the social security offset issue, and it provides dedicated funding that addresses housing issues .

The SEA expresses gratitude to the show of bipartisan support shown by lawmakers who championed this budget and demonstrated their commitment to the welfare of the citizens of NH. The SEA also acknowledges the collaborative efforts of its members, community partners, and other stakeholders who advocated tirelessly for this budget to pass.

As an organization dedicated to representing the interests of all our members, the SEA remains committed to working with legislators from all parties to ensure that the concerns and needs of our members are addressed. By fostering an environment of cooperation and open dialogue, we can continue to make progress towards a more equitable and prosperous future for all.

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