



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

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Dear Fellow Governors,

Like many states across the country, the substance misuse crisis in New Hampshire remains one of our state's most serious issues – one that demands great attention and proactive leadership. Our mission to reverse the terrible effects of this epidemic rests on our ability as leaders to embrace a spirit of cooperation, innovation, and compassion when we craft solutions to meet the needs of our families, friends, and neighbors. This crisis touches every corner of our community: our schools, churches, and workplaces.

In New Hampshire, we are helping interested businesses fully engage in the battle against opioids by launching the “**Recovery Friendly Workplace**” Initiative. Certified Recovery Friendly Workplaces promote individual wellness for Granite Staters by providing support for people recovering from substance use disorder. Importantly, businesses increase productivity and profitability by promoting evidence based practices that reduce the health and safety consequences associated with unaddressed substance use in the workplace.

Today, I invite you to join New Hampshire in this groundbreaking effort. States interested in joining us will have website domains, logos, and regulatory framework guidance provided to them. To see how the program is structured, please check out our website at: www.recoveryfriendlyworkplace.com.

There is a workforce shortage in New Hampshire and in many states across the country. This initiative is a win-win. Employers need workers, and those in recovery benefit from being an active participant in the workforce.

Since launching this initiative on March 1st, the response has been inspiring. Companies from across the Granite State are signing up, including the State of New Hampshire. We are making Recovery Friendly Workplaces a part of the fabric of our state. I invite you to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor