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President

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Dear State Legislator,

New Hampshire faces a budget crisis this year, and state legislators have difficult decisions to make as they look to get the state's economy back on track. States across the country have faced similar situations to that currently plaguing New Hampshire, and some have pulled through with great success by balancing their states' budgets without raising taxes or cutting vital state programs. It is my hope that New Hampshire will follow the lead of states such as Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and New Mexico.

When Gov. Craig Benson was elected, he received a mandate from the people supporting his pledge to oppose all new taxes and to ensure fiscal responsibility. Gov. Benson acted on his promise Thursday by vetoing this year's 8% budget increase over last year. I strongly urge you, as an elected leader representing a money-strapped state, to sustain Gov. Benson's veto and to continue to explore options to balance the budget without taking more money from the wallets of New Hampshire's public.

The people of New Hampshire deserve your support for responsible government spending, and ATR will work with you to develop a plan to boost New Hampshire's economy through responsible budgeting. ATR would accept a challenge by the legislature to solve any shortfall without spending increases that will require future tax hikes.

You will soon be called upon to answer the mandate expressed by New Hampshire in supporting Gov. Benson's veto. When this time comes, I will appreciate your support for the veto and for a fiscally responsible government.

Thank you for your service to New Hampshire and consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully,

Grover Norquist