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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

We urge you to support liability relief legislation to provide New Hampshire’s K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and businesses a legal “safe harbor” from misplaced COVID-19 related litigation. Absent some form of safe harbor, enterprises of all shapes and sizes including public and private schools, colleges, universities, and small and large businesses alike, will be targets for lawsuits from employees, visitors, students, families of students, and others. Any entity that is a gathering place is at risk of COVID-19 related liability litigation.

Public and private enterprises are already struggling with massive challenges presented by the pandemic. Despite good faith efforts to comply with state and federal school workplace health guidelines, we are concerned that we may be forced to defend ourselves against misdirected lawsuits. That’s why Congress should provide a legal safe harbor that holds bad actors accountable but protects those of us who are acting in good faith during this unprecedented situation. Without it, we’re all vulnerable to costly, time-consuming, and unwarranted liability-related litigation.

We know this issue is a part of the “Phase 4” Coronavirus stimulus negotiations currently under discussion in Washington. We urge you to support this concept and provide K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and businesses a safe harbor from unfair COVID-19 related litigation. Thank you for your attention on this critical matter, so vital to economic recovery.

Best Regards,

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