



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor



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Mayor Jim Bouley  
Concord City Hall  
41 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mayor Bouley,

Last week, I presented my budget with a focus on strategic investments in, among other things; education; justice and public safety; environmental stewardship; economic stability; and mental health. By balancing the realities of the present with the needs of the future, we build a strong foundation for the next generation. The details of the budget (House Bill 2) are expected to be available online by the end of this week for your review.

My budget adheres to the tax cuts already established by law for the next two years. Tax relief works and grows our economy. High taxes come at the high cost of the erosion of our state's economic competitiveness. We should not, and cannot turn back now. Thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, this budget enjoys a stronger revenue base while also acknowledging that a portion of our business tax growth has been anomalous. The budget commits these one-time revenues to one-time strategic investments and does not use them for ongoing operations.

Specifically, I wanted to make you aware of one investment that I have included in my proposed budget that may be of interest to you.

I have included \$620,000 for the demolition and environmental mitigation of structures located at State-owned property on Stickney Ave. Please share this good news with the Concord City Council and others who you think would be interested.

As the budget moves through the legislature, it will be critical for your voice to be heard to ensure that this investment remains in the final version that reaches my desk. Testifying at legislative hearings, letters to the editor in your local newspaper and engaging legislators directly are all important to ensuring this investment becomes a reality.

Let's please work together to get this done. Either I or a member of my team will plan to follow-up by phone next week to help put a game plan together.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor