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House Republican Alliance Announces Legislative Priorities for 2006 Session

The New Hampshire House Republican Alliance today announced its legislative priorities for the coming 2006 legislative session. Rep. Robert J. Giuda (R-Warren) issued the following statement:

Today we are proud to announce the legislative priorities for the House Republican Alliance for the upcoming 2006 legislative session. In so doing we want New Hampshire's people and businesses to know unequivocally that the Republican Alliance remains committed to protecting the freedoms we are blessed with under our Constitution, even as we work hard to address the many complex issues which face our state, its communities, schools, businesses and families. The HRA uses three criteria to develop and evaluate proposed legislation. First, legislation must be consistent with the federal and state Constitutions; second, it must fall within the policy guidelines established by the state Republican Platform; and finally, it must be fiscally responsible.

During the past summer, the Alliance established seven key areas in which members determined that legislation was needed to deal with emerging issues facing New Hampshire citizens and businesses. These seven key areas are Public Safety, Taxation, Property Rights, Government Efficiency and Spending, Education, Liability and Tort Reform, and Election Law. In each of these key areas, the people and/or businesses of New Hampshire face serious consequences unless new laws are passed, or existing laws are changed. During the supplemental filing period that just ended, members of the Alliance proposed legislation to deal with such issues as illegal immigration; constitutional prohibition of an income tax; disposition of surplus state revenues; limiting the power eminent domain to better protect private property rights; promoting greater government efficiency and seeking greater accountability in state spending; expanding the applicability of real estate ethics standards to all organizations involved in establishing conservation easements; providing school choice for parents; establishing state funding for special education; providing firearms education and protecting firearms rights; adjusting terms of office for appointed state officials; and establishing a sunset review process for government agencies.

Legislation has been introduced to address each of the specific issues mentioned above. As specific bills reach their final form, the HRA will be holding additional press conferences to discuss technical specifics, political aspects legislative impact, and progress of each as it makes its way through the legislative process. Republicans can be proud that Alliance members remain steadfast in their support for the freedoms promised our Constitution, the principles embodied in the Republican platform, and the long-standing New Hampshire tradition of fiscal restraint.

The NHHRA is comprised of members of the NH House of Representatives striving for legislative support for bills supporting the NH and U.S. Constitutions and NH Republican party platform. For more information, please log onto <http://www.nhhouserepublicanalliance.org>###