



The New Hampshire  
House of Representatives

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Office of the Speaker

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**The following statement is being sent on behalf of Chairman Ken Weyler (R-Kingston):**

“I sincerely apologize for my insensitive remarks regarding the Youth Development Center victims. Victim-blaming has no place in any conversation, especially when it comes to those who have endured such trauma. It is vital to recognize the deep harm these individuals have faced and to approach the matter with empathy and support.

I understand that trauma cannot be measured in dollars, as the emotional and psychological effects are far beyond any monetary value, however part of my job as the Chair of Finance is to acknowledge the concerns surrounding public resources and the strain that further compensation may place on taxpayers. I’m required to distill it down to economics.

That being said, we recognize the breach of trust that resulted in these crimes, and it is crucial that we work together to ensure accountability and healing while also being mindful of the broader financial implications. I remain committed to addressing these issues with the respect, understanding, and care they deserve.”

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