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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
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Dear Governor Sununu:

It is with great pride that we present to you the 18th Annual Report of the Child Fatality Review Committee (CFRC). The work of the CFRC is to ensure the health and safety of the children of New Hampshire and to reduce the number of preventable child deaths. Child Fatality Review is grounded in the belief that a child's preventable death is a community's responsible. Our primary goal is to learn what happened and to prevent harm to other children.

This report presents an overview of the work of the committee for year 2021. Data presented in our report represent state-level trends from death certificate data among children birth through age of twenty-one (21) who were residents of the state of New Hampshire. Data are presented from the 2020 calendar year along with data from the 2016-2020 time frame. The CFRC focused on two types of deaths this past year; overdose and motor vehicle deaths. The report concludes with CFRC recommendations to reduce preventable child fatalities in the future.

Our work is difficult, but we are sustained in the knowledge that our work is important and that it can have a direct and lasting impact on the safety and well-being of New Hampshire children. In recognition of this commitment and dedication, we present the 2020 Annual Report to Honorable Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire.

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cc:
Senate President
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