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Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be with you today, but I join you in recognizing the importance of today's symposium on equitable and affordable health care.

Health care is a human right. Throughout New Hampshire and the country, systemic and persistent resource inequalities hurt patient outcomes, particularly for communities of color. As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions committee, I am committed to addressing disparities in our health care system.

To ensure equitable outcomes for patients across the Granite State, we must address the root cause of existing disparities -- including by supporting programs that will strengthen the provisions of child care, mental health, primary care, and workforce development services, all of which can help to eliminate the resource barriers that are obstacles to care. We must also continue to support programs like Medicaid and CHIP which help some of our state's most vulnerable residents access affordable care.

Today's discussion is a vital step towards creating a healthier and more equitable New Hampshire. I am grateful for all of today's participants and your unyielding commitment to Granite Staters. I look forward to continuing to work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to work, live, and raise a family.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator