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### **Senator Ricciardi and Senator Prentiss Advocate for Bipartisan Solutions to Maternal Health Care Issues**

**CONCORD, NH** – Senator Denise Ricciardi (R-Bedford) and Senator Suzanne Prentiss (D-Lebanon) released the following joint statement today on the passing of SB 246-FN, known as Momnibus 2.0:

“Families are the backbone of New Hampshire, and without healthy, strong working mothers, our economy suffers. I have always advocated for strong maternal health protections, and was proud to help pass the first Momnibus in 2023. This bill builds on that success by further strengthening support for new mothers and families in New Hampshire,” said Senator Ricciardi.

“I am grateful to join my colleague Senator Ricciardi in passing Momnibus 2.0. This bill is a bipartisan effort that not only improves maternal mental health care access, but expands family support, and strengthens workforce protections for mothers,” said Senator Prentiss.

“Momnibus 2.0 strengthens maternal mental health care, supports rural maternity services, and supports families by increasing maternal depression screenings at well-child visits, creates a psychiatric consult line for providers, and studies barriers to independent birth centers. I am proud to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support these solutions that strengthen families and improve maternal health,” concluded Senator Ricciardi.

**Background:** SB 246-FN improves maternal mental health, provides both emergency labor and delivery training for EMS providers in rural communities, and studies opportunities to support independent birth centers, and provides leave for parents attending postpartum and pediatric appointments.

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