



CITY OF MANCHESTER

Jay Ruais
Mayor



CITY OF NASHUA

Jim Donchess
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Rep. Megan Murray, Chairperson
Hillsborough County Delegation

Dear Chairperson Murray and Members of the Hillsborough County Delegation:

As the Mayors of the two largest cities in Hillsborough County and New Hampshire, we are writing to respectfully request relief from the proposed 20.05% increase in the county tax put forward by the Hillsborough County Executive Committee. At a time when inflation and rising costs continue to strain household budgets, this increase is more than our residents can reasonably bear.

As you are aware, the amount raised through the county tax is distributed across the cities and towns in Hillsborough County. For the upcoming fiscal year, the proposed increase in the total county tax is from \$67.4 million to \$80.9 million, representing \$13.5 million more than the previous year.

Like you, we have spent the past several months carefully crafting our own municipal budgets, balancing the need to invest in services with our responsibility to minimize the impact on taxpayers. We appreciate the difficult nature of this process, and the decisions that need to be made throughout.

To illustrate our current positions, in FY 2025, Manchester contributed \$14.7 million to the county tax while Nashua contributed \$14 million. Under the proposed increase, Manchester's share could rise to approximately \$17.7 million—an increase of \$2.9 million, while Nashua could rise to approximately \$16.8 million, an increase of \$2.8 million.

We understand the Delegation is currently evaluating a proposal that would reduce the county tax rate and help mitigate this burden. On behalf of the taxpayers of our cities, we respectfully request you reconsider and reduce the proposed tax increase.

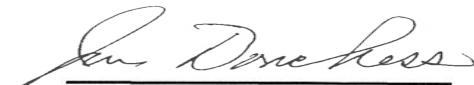
A 20.05% increase—amounting to millions in additional cost for our communities—would place a challenging burden on our residents and threaten our ability to maintain local services without additional strain.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments or concerns.

Very respectfully,



Jay Ruais
Mayor of Manchester



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