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GRANITE INSTITUTE, AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE HEROIN FORUM PANELISTS, INCLUDING FORMER NATIONAL DRUG CZAR, MANCHESTER POLICE CHIEF

CONCORD, N.H., Sept. 9, 2016 -- Granite Institute and the ACU Foundation, the 501(c)(3) educational arm of the American Conservative Union, today announced the panel of experts participating in the groups' "Heroin Crisis Leadership Summit," which will take place on Saturday, September 10th, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The forum will focus on the supply and demand sides of the heroin epidemic in New Hampshire – where the drugs are coming from and why so many Granite Staters are using them – as well as the impact on families and communities in the state and what to do about it.

Panelists include the following:

- John P. Walters - Former National Drug Czar (Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy)
- Nick Willard - Chief of Police, City of Manchester, New Hampshire
- J. Scott Moody, M.A. – Granite Institute/Senior Fellow, ACU Foundation
- Wendy P. Warcholik, Ph.D. - Granite Institute/Senior Fellow, ACU Foundation
- Ovide Lamontagne - Chairman, Granite Action
- Daniel Schneider – Executive Director, ACU Foundation
- Jon C. DeLena, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Northern New England
- Sister Mary Joseph May, MA, LCMHC, MLADC – alcohol and drug addiction counselor, Catholic Charities New Hampshire
- Ed Rajsteter – President, Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts
- Holly Cekala, Vice President of Programs, Hope for NH Recovery

"The heroin crisis has touched all of us," said Ovide Lamontagne, Chairman of Granite Action, the 501(c)(4) arm of Granite Institute. "It is a blight on our state and we need to take action to end it. The citizens of New Hampshire are under attack from forces internal and external, and it will take all of us to come together to find a solution." He added, "I'm excited to partner with the ACU Foundation in this effort. The American Conservative Union has been leading the conservative cause in our country for decades, and the ACU Foundation has emerged as an incubator of conservative ideas and policy solutions. We could not have a better partner in this battle."

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“While I wish the circumstances were different, the ACU Foundation is glad to join forces with Granite Institute to tackle the heroin crisis in New Hampshire,” said ACU Foundation Executive Director Daniel Schneider. “Just about every corner of our country is being affected by it, but states like New Hampshire have been hit particularly hard, and we all want to find out why – and what to do about it. Hopefully, this leadership summit will help shed some light that will lead to a solution.”

The event, which is open to the public, will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center located at 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord, NH, 03301. Admission is free.

You may register for the event [here](#).

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