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**Lt. Governor Molly Gray to Visit White House and Present at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NewDEAL Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.**

**Montpelier, Vt.**— This week, Lt. Governor Molly Gray who was selected as a NewDEAL leader in April 2021 will join fellow NewDEAL leaders from across the United States for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NewDEAL Leaders Conference.

[The NewDEAL](#) is a national network of rising state and local elected leaders with a shared mission of expanding opportunity for all and making government work better. NewDEAL leaders also share a commitment to pro-growth progressive policies that spur economic growth and that are broadly-earned and sustainable. Notable alumni include Stacey Abrams and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

On Wednesday, November 17, Lt. Governor Gray will join a group of NewDEAL leaders for a meeting at the White House.

On Thursday, November 18, Lt. Governor Gray will speak on a panel entitled “Build Back Better: Conversations on Innovative Policy Solutions and Harnessing American Rescue Plan Funds.” Lt. Governor Gray will speak to Vermont’s COVID-19 recovery needs, particularly Vermont’s child care and caregiving crisis. Gray will discuss the findings from her recently completed [Recover Stronger Tour](#) and the ways in which Vermont and other states might invest the American Rescue Plan Act funds to address the economic well-being of families.

“As we work to recover stronger from this pandemic not only in Vermont, but across the United States, I know we have to work together. I look forward to engaging with fellow NewDEAL leaders, particularly those from rural states with similar workforce and child care challenges, and discussing how we can directly meet the needs of Vermonters and Americans through smart policies and investments of American Rescue Plan Act funds,” said Lt. Governor Gray.

Additional panels at the Conference will address housing, broadband, mental health services, climate change, anti-poverty strategies, college and career pathways, and student debt. A full conference program is available [here](#).

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