

# RELEASE: Governor Blocks Legislation to Close Background Check Loopholes on Gun Sales



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## **GOVERNOR BLOCKS LEGISLATION TO CLOSE BACKGROUND CHECK LOOPHOLES ON GUN SALES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** –Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 109](#), closing background check loopholes on gun sales. **Representative Katherine Rogers (D-Concord)**, prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“For years, the public has overwhelmingly agreed that dangerous people should not have access to guns. Even President Trump now agrees that stronger background check legislation is needed to ensure that firearms are not sold or transferred to the wrong hands. The Governor has turned his back on a vast majority of Americans seeking a safer society.”

“The crime stats paint an unmistakable picture: recent reports from the NH Department of Justice state that 48% of New Hampshire’s domestic violence homicides involve firearms. The NH Dept. of Safety estimates 40% of all gun sales next year will not go through any background check. Our state has the 24th highest rate of crime gun exports, meaning we export 3 times as many guns used in crimes as we import. While the Governor might want to believe there is no problem with illegal gun sales, use, or possession in NH, these statistics from our own state agencies show us the reality.”

“Governor, thoughts and prayers are not enough. Silence on gun violence is unacceptable; to obstruct the passage of this critical legislation is to be complicit with the violence.”