

RELEASE: Governor Rejects Effort to Restore Voting Rights

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [SB 67](#), legislation to clarify voting eligibility for those domiciled in New Hampshire. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey)** released the following statement:

“After telling constituents that he would never support anything that suppresses the student vote, Governor Sununu flip-flopped last year and signed the voter suppression legislation he previously claimed to ‘hate.’ Sununu’s broken promise will soon force students, military personnel, and others to pay fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles simply for exercising their Constitutional right to vote.”

“To assure that no eligible voters are forced to pay onerous DMV fees after casting a ballot, SB 67 sought to simply clarify the rights of voters living here on a fixed term. The military personnel, students, and others affected by this bill live here, pay state taxes, support our local economy, and actively contribute to their New Hampshire community.”

“The political reasons for Governor Sununu’s veto are clear. As potential Republican U.S. Senate candidate Corey Lewandowski recently told WMUR, the state GOP believes new voter suppression laws can propel Donald Trump to a New Hampshire victory in 2020.”

“Today’s veto is just another reminder that Governor Sununu is a hyper partisan politician willing to use the power he has attained to suppress those who disagree with him. The Governor is clearly worried that he will lose re-election without rigging the system, as his vetoes of this bill and anti-gerrymandering legislation (HB 709) have shown. For a Governor intent on using the system to pick his voters, today’s

veto is simply par for the course.”

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