RELEASE: Legislation to Expand Protections Against Discrimination Based on Gender Identity Signed into Law

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Governor Sununu signed <u>HB 608</u>, relative to expanding the law against discrimination based on gender identity to other areas of the law prohibiting discrimination. **Representative Lisa Bunker (D-Exeter)** released the following statement:

"As elected officials, it is our job to pass legislation that improves the lives of our constituents and of all the people of New Hampshire. One straightforward and fundamental way we can do this is by advancing bills that protect people from discrimination in all aspects of their lives."

"House Bill 608 is a follow-up to <u>House Bill 1319</u>, the landmark legislation passed last year that prohibits discrimination based on gender identity and expression. That bill made history, but was not comprehensive. This new legislation adds gender identity to non-discrimination statutes in state law that were not covered by HB 1319. With passage of these two bills, we have shown New Hampshire to be a leader among states in ensuring that the civil rights of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals are protected."

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