## RELEASE: Crucial House Gun Violence Prevention Measure Passes Senate

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Today, the New Hampshire State Senate passed HB 687, legislation aimed to reduce gun deaths and suicides in New Hampshire. 17 other states and the District of Columbia have enacted similar legislation that empowers family members and law enforcement to take action in responding to a mental health crisis and potentially prevent a lethal tragedy. Prime Sponsor of the legislation, **Representative Debra Altschiller (D-Stratham)** released the following statement:

"The NH Extreme Risk Protective Order bill is designed to put a speed bump in front of a person who has access to the most lethal means available to do themselves or others harm. It creates a tool for the people closest to someone suffering to prevent tragedy and get them help. It temporarily relieves a person who is demonstrating they are a danger to themselves or others around them of access to firearms."

"I am so grateful to Senator Jon Morgan for his bravery in sharing his personal tragedy with gun violence. The voices of other surviving family members were lifted up with his words today. Extreme Risk Protection Orders save lives. Our collaboration of prevention, training, outreach and recognizing that people in crisis deserve protection from accessing the most lethal means available will help turn this around. That is our job here today, to do the most good for the most people."

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