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GOVERNOR SUNUNU VETOES LEGISLATION PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 1660](#), legislation that allows vulnerable adults to seek protection from abuse, exploitation, and neglect. **Chair of the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Rep. Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)** released the following statement:

“With this veto, Governor Sununu has proved once again that he values partisanship over protecting Granite Staters. This legislation has been manipulated by the GOP to further a false pretense that allowing vulnerable adults to seek a protective order from abuse infringes upon an individual’s second amendment right. This legislation is intended to protect the elderly and those with developmental disabilities, from both physical and financial abuse and exploitation. This legislation was never about firearms, so much so that the House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee amended the original bill to remove mentions of firearms, but nevertheless Governor Sununu still vetoed it. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is outrageous that the Governor has turned his back on the most vulnerable members of our society. As a state government, we should be in the business of protecting the people of New Hampshire, not baselessly leveraging vulnerable adults as political pawns as Sununu and Republicans continue to do.”

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