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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today the House of Representatives voted 197-180 to pass Senate Bill 141, relative to procedures for conducting firearm background checks. Following the vote, **Representative Linda Harriott-Gathright (D-Nashua), Ranking Democrat on the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**, released the following statement:

“Senate Bill 141 would effectively repeal the state’s partial point of contact system for handguns and would shift responsibility for conducting handgun background checks from the state police over to the FBI. This is a dangerous bill that would leave those with a violent criminal history with the potential to obtain a firearm in our state. With 40-50% of all homicides in New Hampshire related to domestic violence, now is not the time to switch from a system that is working to one with critical gaps that has the potential to endanger lives. This bill also imposes an unfunded mandate on counties with no sufficient funding for county sheriffs to implement the changes. It is disturbing that House Republicans are choosing to put Granite Staters lives in danger to fix a system that is not even broken and charge taxpayers more to do it. Most importantly, this bill could cost Granite Staters their lives and we urge Governor Sununu not to sign this for the safety of all in our state.”

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