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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS BLOCK INCREASED SAFETY AT PROTESTS AND VIGILS**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** –Today Republicans in the House of Representatives killed HB 1151, legislation to improve public safety at protests, parades, funerals, and vigils. Following the vote, **Prime Sponsor of the bill, Rep. David Meuse (D-Portsmouth)** released the following statement:

“Preventing gun violence in our communities is critical to ensuring that New Hampshire is a place where families young and old can thrive. The vote today blocking HB 1151, legislation which would make our peaceful protest safer, is a disappointment for the Granite State.

Our first amendment right to peaceful protest is one of our most cherished rights as Americans. The bottom line is that we must protect the ability to express our right to assemble without fear of intimidation or violence that the open display of firearms creates. HB 1151 would make our assembly justifiably safer without impeding our important 2nd amendment rights. It is crucial that Granite Staters feel confident speaking truth to power, assembling at rallies, public events, and even funerals without concern for their lives and physical safety. Democracy and community are made better by our safe and peaceful gathering together in solidarity.”