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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS PASS BILL TO PROHIBIT NH LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM ENFORCING
FEDERAL LAW**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today the House of Representatives passed HB 1178, a bill that would prohibit New Hampshire officials from enacting and enforcing federal regulations and executive orders to reduce gun violence. Following the vote, **Representative David Meuse (D-Portsmouth)**, member of the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, released the following statement:

“Prohibiting New Hampshire officials from cooperating with federal laws and regulations is a disturbing overreach of the state legislature and a threat to public safety. HB 1178 is not about protecting gun rights. Our state and federal constitutions already do that. What HB 1178 is about is scoring political points by driving a divisive and unnecessary wedge between state and federal government officials when it comes to keeping guns out of the hands of criminals. It also has the very real potential of greatly increasing the flow of illegal firearms into and out of our state. Efforts by our federal government to reduce deadly gun violence and to help law enforcement in cracking down on firearm trafficking should not be blocked here in New Hampshire.”