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PARTIAL REPEAL OF SUNUNU ABORTION BAN PASSES HOUSE

Strong vote by House Democrats leads to bill's passage

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the New Hampshire House voted 231-114 to pass an amended version of HB 1609, which will repeal portions of the abortion ban included in the 2021 state budget bill. **Deputy House Democratic Leader and Ranking Finance Democrat Rep. Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord)** released the following statement:

“This bill addresses a horrific situation that nobody would ever want to face – learning that your fetus has life-threatening abnormalities. The abortion ban passed by Republicans last year required Granite Staters to carry their pregnancy to term if life-threatening abnormalities are discovered after 24 weeks. This arbitrary restriction on the patient-doctor relationship and on the rights of individuals is cruel and unacceptable. While HB 1609 does not fully repeal Sununu’s abortion ban, it takes a significant step toward respecting the rights and privacy of pregnant people in New Hampshire. I am thrilled that this bill will move onto the Senate.”

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