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REPUBLICANS VOTE TO UPEND ELECTION PROCESS FOR PARTISAN GAIN

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the New Hampshire House voted to pass SB 418, legislation which would establish “affidavit ballots” for the first time in New Hampshire elections. The bill will now be referred to the House Finance Committee. **House Democratic Leader Rep. David E. Cote (D-Nashua)** released the following statement:

“New Hampshire’s elections are sacred and as we have seen for the past 100 years of hosting the First in the Nation Presidential Primary, Granite Staters are engaged and participate at high levels year-in and year-out. In a resolution supporting the New Hampshire Primary adopted unanimously by the House just this morning, we praised our state’s ‘long and storied tradition of conducting well-run, free, and fair elections.’

SB 418 would create new ‘affidavit ballots’ which would complicate our election process, violate the privacy of Granite Staters and cost taxpayers millions to implement. These changes have nothing to do with ‘election integrity’ – our election integrity has been proven repeatedly for over a century. SB 418 is about one thing and one thing alone – chipping away at the voting rights of Granite Staters who Republicans do not want to participate.

The GOP has been working to systematically weaken Granite Staters’ voting rights for years. Arbitrary restrictions on absentee voting, increasingly stringent ID requirements, attempts to ban new residents from participating, unreasonable red tape for new registrants, the list goes on and on.

It is obvious that no matter what they say, Republicans do not believe they can win with ideas, so they try to limit who can participate. This bill is wrong for New Hampshire and ought to be vetoed by Governor Sununu if it makes it to his desk.”

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