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**VOTING LAW WOULD COST TAXPAYERS MILLIONS, COMPLICATE  
ELECTIONS, VIOLATE PRIVACY OF GRANITE STATERS**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, the House Election Law Committee held a public hearing on SB 418, legislation that would establish “affidavit balloting.” **House Democratic Leader Rep. David E. Cote (D-Nashua)** released the following statement:

“The unprecedented changes to our election laws that Republicans are pushing in SB 418 should concern all New Hampshire voters. As local election officials repeatedly stated today, this bill would jeopardize the voting rights of our armed forces, significantly complicate election day procedures, cost millions of taxpayer dollars to implement, and compromise the privacy of Granite Staters.

In 2018, the people of New Hampshire amended our state Constitution to state ‘an individual’s right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.’ For Republicans to deliberately ignore their will to track voters at the ballot box is incredibly insulting. SB 418 has significant conflicts with the NH Constitution, yet the sponsor is blocking Supreme Court review because he does not believe the legislature’s judgement should be ‘subordinated’ by the judiciary.

As Governor Sununu stated just this week, 99% of Granite State voters believe our elections have integrity and work well. The constant GOP attempts to enact roadblocks behind the guise of ‘integrity’ have one purpose – to discourage people unlikely to vote Republican from participating in the process. The rights of Granite Staters should not be compromised to give the GOP a partisan advantage. This bill should be strongly rejected by the Election Law Committee.”

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