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**THANKS TO DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS AND OUTSPOKEN CITIZENS, HB  
1609 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, HB 1609 is signed into law. HB 1609 provides an exception in the Republican abortion ban for fatal fetal anomalies and removes the requirement that all individuals seeking abortion care must undergo an ultrasound at every stage of pregnancy. **House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Ranking Member Lucy Weber (D-Walpole)** released the following statement:

“Because of the sustained advocacy of Granite Staters and the hard work of a unified Democratic caucus in both the House and Senate, we are in the first, but certainly not last, steps in righting the wrongs created by ‘Sununu’s Abortion Ban’ enacted by Governor Sununu and the Republican legislative majorities last year. HB 1609 more clearly defines the ultrasound mandate and creates a fatal fetal anomaly exemption. I would like to thank everyone who ushered this critical legislation into law.

While this bill is an important step in the right direction, a full, outright repeal of the abortion ban included in last year’s state budget is what is critically needed. Until Democrats are in the majority and we have a governor in the corner office that is a true advocate for reproductive rights, this will not happen. I encourage all Granite Staters who believe in bodily autonomy and the right to access abortion care to remember this in November.”