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**REPUBLICANS PASS BILL TO 'OUT' LGBTQ+ YOUTH AGAINST THEIR WILL  
*Don't Say Gay in the Granite State***

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, House Republicans voted to adopt HB 1431 in Committee of Conference, a bill to require teachers and administrators to 'out' LGBTQ+ students' sexuality to parents. In response to the vote, **House Democratic Leader Rep. David Cote (D-Nashua) and Deputy House Democratic Leader Rep. Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord)** released the following statement:

“Republican lawmakers do not have the slightest idea what it is like to be an LGBTQ child in this state. Instead of creating a school environment that nurtures, protects, and respects our children, Republicans would rather force teachers and school administrators to out students' sexuality and identity against a child's will. The sad reality is that not all students will be accepted and loved when they return home in the afternoon. These kids are put at risk of violence and abuse, often leading to homelessness, poor educational outcomes, and self-harm.

The data does not lie. Legislation like HB 1431 will undoubtedly put Granite State children at risk. In the United States, every 45 seconds a LGBTQ child between the ages of 13-24 attempts suicide. As lawmakers, we should be drafting legislation that supports the lives of LGBTQ people, not writing laws that further jeopardize their safety. If you are LGBTQ or love someone who is, you should know that you are seen, you are valued, and House Democrats are fighting for you.

There are resources for you including The Trevor Project at [TrevorProject.org](https://www.trevorproject.org) and UNH Safe Zones at <https://www.unh.edu/safezones/local-new-hampshire-lgbtqa-resources>.”