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In Wake of Mass Shootings, Senate President Calls on Governor Sununu to Sign Gun Violence Prevention Bills

CONCORD— Today, Senate President Donna Soucy signed three gun violence prevention bills, which will next go to Governor Sununu for his action: HB 109, closing background check loopholes; HB 514, creating a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm; and HB 564, clarifying statewide gun free schools.

Following the signing, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) released the following statement:

“Today we offer our thoughts and prayers to the victims, families, and communities impacted by the two mass shootings over the weekend. And today we acknowledge that our thoughts and prayers are not enough. Our thoughts and prayers weren’t enough to save the lives of 27 children and teachers at Sandy Hook. Our thoughts and prayers weren’t enough to save the lives of 2,477 people killed in mass shootings in our country since Sandy Hook.

Our thoughts and prayers have never been enough.

In memory and honor of more than thirty people killed by gun violence this weekend, today I signed a package of gun violence prevention bills and delivered them to Governor Sununu for his consideration.

So far, New Hampshire has been spared in this onslaught of gun violence and mass shootings--we’re one of just four states without a mass shooting since Sandy Hook. But I for one am not comfortable wishing and hoping that “luck” continues. We cannot wait for a tragedy like Dayton or El Paso to strike in our state to take action. That time is now. These bills are common sense preventative measures that will save lives.

We have the ability, right now, to take action in New Hampshire to help prevent gun violence. Why in the world would we possibly wait any longer?

I implore Governor Sununu to join the House, the Senate, and the people of New Hampshire in supporting these commonsense gun violence prevention efforts. At the very least, we ask today that he put politics aside and let these bills become law without his signature. Enough is enough.”

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