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NH Senate Condemns Governor Sununu's Veto of Three Gun Violence Prevention Bills

CONCORD— Today, Governor Sununu vetoed three gun violence prevention bills: 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 vetoes, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) and Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) released the following statements:

“Since there have been more mass shootings than days this year, our thoughts and prayers are empty gestures without the courage and conviction to act to prevent future tragedies. That’s why it is so deeply disappointing that in the midst of a national crisis and in the wake of two mass shootings, Governor Sununu is holding New Hampshire back from making progress on gun violence prevention with his vetoes of three common sense public safety bills, including background checks—which 90% of Americans support,” said **Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester)**. “Senate Democrats continue to stand with the majority of Granite Staters who are calling for common sense gun violence prevention. Together, we will make a difference.”

Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) stated, “The House and Senate worked hard this session to put forward common sense approaches to curb gun violence before tragedy strikes in our state. Unfortunately, Governor Sununu is once again standing with the NRA to the detriment of public safety. Just days before a visit from President Trump, whose racist rhetoric is spurring violent action, Governor Sununu refused to take action to prevent gun violence but chose instead to scapegoat people who experience mental illness and downplay the common denominator in these mass shootings—easy access to firearms—to appease corporate lobbyists and campaign donors. New Hampshire deserves better.”

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