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### **Governor Sununu Vetoes Protective Orders for Vulnerable Adults**

**CONCORD** - Today, Governor Sununu vetoed HB 1660, a bill establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.

**Senator Shannon Chandley (D-Amherst) issued the following statement in response:**

"With the exception of self-neglect, financial exploitation makes up the highest percentage of reports made to the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services. Every Granite Stater should be able to age with dignity and live free from abuse. Governor Sununu's veto of HB 1660 means that vulnerable adults will not be afforded certain protections they deserve. HB 1660 was the result of a collaborative process with the Senior Law Project at NH Legal Assistance, AARP, Alzheimer's Association, and the Disability Rights Center and had been heavily vetted to ensure that it did not infringe on important rights and protections of others. This legislation could have given our most vulnerable adult population a mechanism to adequately protect themselves; instead, they remain defenseless."

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