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**Sen. Birdsell statement on passage of Personal Privacy Bill** SB 302 prevents government from releasing identities of donors to 501(c) groups

CONCORD, NH – Sen. Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) issued the following statement today on the passage of SB 302:

"SB 302 is a much-needed privacy protection bill that could not be timelier. Just recently we watched this issue play out in Canada. The names of some people who made legal, anonymous donations to truckers were revealed without their consent which led to many of them being harassed and threatened. Under SB 302, the State of New Hampshire would be prohibited from releasing the identity of individuals who support, donate to or volunteer for any organization that's falls under 501(c) of the IRS Code. New Hampshire has always been a place that respects privacy and that includes protecting the rights of people to support a cause with their money or their time and for that information to remain private if they choose. The U.S. Supreme Court has also long protected the rights of Americans to donate to causes without fear of harassment. Passing SB 302 was the right thing to do."

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