



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 446

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 446, relative to initiating amendments and corrections to birth records.

A birth certificate is a vital record and historical document. As such, any permissible amendments should be given careful consideration and only undertaken infrequently and cautiously. Current law already provides for a reasonable process to change a gender designation on a birth certificate in certain circumstances.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 446.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor