



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 504

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10th, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 504, relative to election-related amendments to the United States Constitution.

This bill is a part of a national campaign designed to overturn constitutional protections of free speech. It represents another in a series of attempts by this legislature to chill the political speech of people or groups they disagree with. Additionally, redistricting is a state issue, and one that New Hampshire acts on responsibly and with great seriousness. We do not need to federalize New Hampshire's redistricting process.

Furthermore, it is not the role of the state legislature to do the congressional delegation's job for them, despite their job performance. If they are interested in receiving public comment on these issues, I encourage them to spend time in New Hampshire listening to their constituents.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 504.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor