



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

July 10, 2019

**Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 18**

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 18, relative to authorized employee wage deductions.

In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in Janus v AFSCME, that public sector employees have a constitutional right to decline to pay fees to unions to which they do not belong. This ruling restored power and fairness back to workers, putting them back in control of their careers.

Senate Bill 18 undercuts these worker rights by implementing an arbitrary 30 day waiting period during which time a union could continue to garnish an employees' wages. Continuing the payroll deduction for a month after a worker has chosen not to continue union membership falls outside the spirit of the Janus ruling and could potentially expose the state, counties and municipalities to litigation.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 18.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor