



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

January 26, 2021

Dear Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

My Administration is committed to promoting the health and economic security of our State's families, including measures that promote the health of infants and mothers. It is for those reasons that I have worked with Senator Erin Hennessey to put forward Senate Bill 68. This bipartisan legislation promotes healthy pregnancies and economic security for pregnant mothers and their infants, while also strengthening the economy.

Despite existing protections in New Hampshire law, pregnant mothers in the workforce can still face workplace unfairness and discrimination. Too often, pregnant mothers can be essentially pushed out of their jobs through the denial of small accommodations, such as temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, light-duty, more frequent bathroom breaks, or temporary assistance with manual labor.

Senate Bill 68 would help guard against this unfairness while also promoting healthy pregnancies. We must ensure that pregnant mothers in all industries have the confidence that they will not suffer from retaliation, coercion, intimidation, threats or interference if they request a reasonable accommodation.

I ask that you support Senate Bill 68 and send it to my desk for quick signature.

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor