



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU  
Governor

July 19, 2024

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 396

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19, 2024, I have vetoed House Bill 396, relative to permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain, limited, circumstances.

In 2018, Republicans and Democrats passed legislation to prevent discrimination because as I said at the time, it is unacceptable and runs contrary to New Hampshire's Live Free or Die Spirit. That still rings true today. The challenge with HB 396 is that in some cases it seeks to solve problems that have not presented themselves in New Hampshire, and in doing so invites unnecessary discord.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 396

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor