

## New Hampshire Senate NEWS RELEASE

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## **Republicans Strengthen Protections for New Hampshire Communities**

**Concord, NH** – Senators Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) and Bill Gannon (R-Sandown) released the following statement on the passage of Senate Bill132:

"As we're seeing an unprecedented spike in Fentanyl overdoses and deaths due to lax border security, we need strong safeguards to protect New Hampshire families," said Senator Bradley.

"Senate Democrats are blatantly ignoring the overdose deaths caused by crumbling border security and are putting the families and children of our state at risk. They're also ignoring the very dangerous reality of human trafficking, undertaken by the cartels crossing our border with impunity. This bill will help shelter women and children from suffering in silence through those circumstances."

"This bill is huge win for Granite Staters in protecting the safety of our local communities," added Senator Gannon.

"Over the past two years, the United States has seen the harmful impact of disastrous border policies along our southern border, and now our northern border is seeing a rise of 197% in encounters. The uncontrolled flood of illegal immigrants makes it even more difficult to track down criminals exploiting this situation to smuggle drugs, guns, in addition to crimes regarding sex trafficking and national security.

"This bill does not mandate that towns participate in federal immigration enforcement. It prevents them from refusing to cooperate with federal agents enforcing the law, such as executing an immigration detainer. Thousands of criminals are apprehended at the border each year, and we need to make sure New Hampshire is not seen as a sanctuary to those individuals who mean to come to our state and cause harm to Granite Staters."