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Statement from Governor Hassan on Supreme Court's Ruling on Rape Shield Law

CONCORD – After the New Hampshire Supreme Court's ruling reaffirming protections of private sexual history under the state's rape shield law, Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement:

"Today's ruling by the Supreme Court reaffirms the longstanding recognition under New Hampshire law that rape victims have a fundamental right to privacy about their personal sexual history. Protecting that right is essential to ensuring victims' access to justice, including the willingness of future victims to come forward and pursue justice.

"By upholding the intent and spirit of New Hampshire's rape shield law, the Supreme Court avoided a precedent that would have had a potentially devastating impact on victims and their families. My heart continues to go out to the Marriott family, who has endured a loss beyond comprehension, as they continue to pursue justice for Lizzi."

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