

I Oppose HB348

Honorable Representatives:

I am glad that this bill is not facing the rigors of House Rule 44.

This bill is about making basic needs more difficult at a time when families need them most. It is a heartless attempt to discourage people from seeking help.

Maybe the downshifts of costs to the town are making the local representatives attempt to keep local budgets more palatable to the electorate. But denying housing, food, heat and basic needs to children, elderly adults and disabled people is not the answer.

Weakening and contradicting RSA165 only makes NH crueler. This may not be a wall or rolled barb wire, but the effect is the same. And not the ethos of a NH that takes care of its own – an ethos founded in English law and a tradition of this state for years.

Please reject this bill for the sake of family security and respect for the NH Constitution. “all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.”

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