



February 4, 2025

House Judiciary Committee
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Lynn, Vice Chair Mannion, and House Judiciary committee members,

AllPaths Family Building (formerly named Resolve New England) is a non-profit organization that provides emotional support, education and advocacy for all those in New England who need fertility health care and other paths to grow the family of their dreams. I am writing to express our strong opposition to HB 232-FN.

HB 232 would prioritize religious objections over patients getting much needed health care. We are concerned that there are no patient protections in this extremely broad legislation. An employee could refuse to treat someone, with no obligation to ensure that the patient has comprehensive information about the condition of their health. The provider could also refuse to give a referral so that patients could get care elsewhere. Many Granite Staters, especially those in small towns or rural areas, already face barriers to health care access, and New Hampshire should not be adding *more* harmful obstacles to getting the care they need.

For example, our organization is troubled that under HB 232, a patient could be refused birth control medication, or even denied the opportunity to *discuss* it, if a provider raises a "moral objection". This would be regardless of whether the medicine is intended for contraception or for other medical needs, such as such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) or endometriosis.

We respectfully urge the House Judiciary committee to report HB 232 as "ought not to pass". Thank you for your consideration of our written testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Weldon LeBlanc".

Kate Weldon LeBlanc
Executive Director