



February 5, 2025

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Members of the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee,

New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) is writing in opposition to HB 392-FN, an act directing the dissolution of the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Health Equity, the Department of Environmental Services' functions for civil rights and environmental justice, and the Governor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion.

As businesses operating across the state, we know that workplaces and communities that foster inclusion, create an environment where our people are more productive, remain in their work and serve their communities in positive ways. The work which would be eliminated by this bill is vital to making sure that all residents, regardless of their status, are treated fairly when implementing state and federal programs and regulations. We all hope to be treated with fairness and to be heard. The elimination of this work would have a negative impact on us all.

As the challenge to bring more people into our workforce continues, it is important that our state work to create an environment where all feel supported and valued within our workplaces and the communities, we live in. NHBSR feels that the services provided by our state government through these departments are important to that effort and therefore oppose HB 392-FN.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Veasey".

Michelle Veasey
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New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility