



Granite State Organizing Project

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Representative John Janigian, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
New Hampshire State House
107 N. State St.
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Opposition to HB 635-FN – An Act relative to taxing non-profit entities who settle illegal immigrants as for-profit entities

Dear Representative Janigian and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the Granite State Organizing Project, a faith based, community organization serving multiple New Hampshire communities.. We are opposed to HB 635-FN and we urge the members of this committee to vote it “inexpedient to legislate.”

While the primary mission of faith communities and churches that are a part of GSOP is to spread the word of God and to minister to their congregants, many faith based institutions also offer voluntary services such as food pantries or community meals to the impoverished as a part of their larger mission. HB 635 would force volunteers in a congregation to learn the complexities of ever changing immigration law so that they could screen at the door those who come seeking help, or risk losing their statues as a charity. This bill would penalize and criminalize the good work of New Hampshire religious organizations and prevent the practice of the core beliefs shared by our faiths- the duty to offer food to the hungry and help to the needy. We urge you to vote HB 635-FN as “inexpedient to legislate.”

Sarah Jane Knoy, Executive Director



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