

House Legislative Administration Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building
Concord, NH 03301

Subject: Opposition to HB 314

Dear Members of the House Legislative Administration Committee,

I strongly oppose HB 314.

This legislation would unnecessarily restrict participation in the legislative process by creating barriers for those who wish to share their experiences and knowledge through legislative advocacy. The limitations imposed by this bill would prevent numerous municipalities, organizations, and individuals from providing valuable insights on issues that directly affect their communities and constituents. Often, these individuals have the practical knowledge of the issues at hand.

I would expect lawmakers would want to hear from local leaders, board and committee members, and those impacted by legislation rather than impose barriers to providing testimony.

Most alarmingly, criminalizing public advocacy, as outlined in HB314, would further stifle essential freedom to express opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship, or legal repercussions.

I urge you to vote "Inexpedient to Legislate" on HB314.

Sincerely,
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