



HCR 7: recognizing abortion as a critical component of comprehensive reproductive health care.

Committee: House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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Position: SUPPORT

New Hampshire is the only state in New England where abortion is not explicitly a right in state law or the state constitution. Because the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* in its *Dobbs* decision in June 2022, there are also no federal laws or protections for abortion rights. **To be clear: in New Hampshire, abortion is legal but not protected.**

Granite Staters have made it clear they want their lawmakers to take proactive steps on abortion rights, both at the state level and nationally. In October, [a survey](#) showed 66% of Granite Staters support a law establishing a nationwide right to abortion, and 78% of Granite Staters believe there should be a right to get an abortion in every state in the United States.

A survey from March 2023 showed that **64% of Granite Staters expect state elected officials to protect or expand abortion access in New Hampshire.**

Leading up to the November 2024 elections, many candidates campaigned on a promise to not further restrict abortion in New Hampshire; now, state representatives have the opportunity to put those promises into action by passing HCR 7.

Granite Staters value our freedoms, including the freedom to make decisions about our health, our families, and our pregnancies without government interference. With increasing attacks on reproductive freedom at the state and federal level, the New Hampshire legislature must take this opportunity to affirm abortion is a critical component of reproductive health care and the government will not infringe or deny reproductive freedom.

By voting in favor of HCR 7, lawmakers affirm that Granite Staters have the freedom to have a safe, legal abortion prior to 24 weeks gestation and that this right shall not be denied or infringed upon by the government.

We urge a vote of Ought to Pass on HCR 7.

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