

*NH Registry of Deeds Association*

January 8, 2026

The Honorable Robert Lynn  
Chair  
Judiciary Committee  
House of Representatives  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: NH HB1436-An Act relative to the classification and protection of personal digital information and cloud-stored-files

Dear Chair Lynn and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am President of the NH Registry of Deeds Association. The NH Registry of Deeds Association members unanimously oppose HB1436 as written. HB1436 proposes to classify and treat all personal digital information as personal property. This is in direct conflict with the duties set forth as serving as Register of Deeds in the NH. Unless an exemption is included in this bill for NH Registers and their offices, this bill if passed into law, would conflict with statutory requirements of the office of the Register of Deeds, as well as, being in direct conflict with the open access to the public of records recorded in the registries.

Exceptions under the proposed bill under NH RSA 507-H:14 I which states "Whose owner has made it public;" would not exempt the NH registries because there are documents that may be recorded such as attachments/liens that a third party could record.

The NH Registry of Deeds Association requests that HB1436 be amended to exempt the Registry of Deeds from the requirements of this bill. This exception may be added as V of NH RSA 507-H:14 as follows: Documents recorded or stored in the NH Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,



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