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Date: January 14, 2026

Re: New Hampshire HB 1809-FN

Position: SUPPORT

To: New Hampshire House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Elderly  
Affairs

Dear New Hampshire House of Representatives,

As an organization of law enforcement professionals, Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) writes in support of HB 1809-FN, which would authorize the medical use of psilocybin through a regulated program within the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This bill takes a structured approach that prioritizes patient safety, clear standards for providers, and state oversight.

LEAP is an international nonprofit group of police, prosecutors, judges, and other criminal justice professionals who speak from firsthand experience serving in the justice system. Our mission is to make communities safer by focusing law enforcement resources on the greatest threats to public safety, addressing the root causes of crime, and working toward healing police-community relations.

Extensive research, including studies from [Johns Hopkins University](#) and the [Journal of the American Medical Association](#), has demonstrated psilocybin's effectiveness in treating treatment-resistant depression, PTSD, anxiety, and other severe mental health conditions. [Recognizing this therapeutic potential, the Food and Drug Administration designated psilocybin as a "Breakthrough Therapy" in both 2018 and 2019.](#)

From a law enforcement perspective, the current system pushes too many people experiencing severe depression, trauma, and addiction into cycles of crisis response, emergency room visits, and justice system involvement, often without addressing the

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underlying condition. When people cannot access effective treatment, the result is more crises, increased risk, and greater strain on public safety resources.

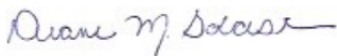
The consequences extend beyond the general public and directly affect the public safety workforce, including veterans and first responders. National data show that veteran suicide remains at an unacceptably high level, [with 6,407 veteran deaths by suicide reported in 2022 and a tragic daily average persisting in recent years](#). First responders also experience elevated rates of behavioral health conditions linked to repeated trauma exposure, with federal estimates indicating that approximately [30% develop such conditions, compared with 20% of the general population](#). Expanding access to effective treatment is therefore not only a matter of public health, but also of workforce safety and retention.

HB 1809-FN establishes a medical program built around supervision, screening, and accountability. Psilocybin would be administered only as part of defined medical services, including preparation, administration, and integration sessions, in approved settings. From a public safety standpoint, the most important question is whether a program prevents diversion and provides clear, enforceable boundaries. HB 1809-FN addresses this by:

- Limiting administration to New Hampshire licensed medical providers
- Requiring approved providers to also serve as the producers of the psilocybin they administer
- Confining legal protections to therapeutic amounts provided only to qualified patients
- Directing DHHS to establish rules and collect data to support oversight, evaluation, and improvement

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective in support of HB 1809-FN.

Respectfully,



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