

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Terry Roy
House Criminal Justice and Public Safety
1 Granite Place
Room 159, South Building
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Roy,

We are writing to you today regarding HB 1633-FN, which would strengthen sexual assault survivors' rights by ensuring they are not charged for forensic medical examinations, guaranteeing the preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits, and affirming survivors' right to notification regarding their evidence. This bill is critical to ensuring that survivors in New Hampshire have access to justice. We ask for your support in favor of this legislation.

As you may be aware, RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. Founded in 1994, RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800.656.HOPE and hotline.rainn.org). RAINN also carries out programs to support victims, educate the public, and improve public policy.

In the aftermath of a sexual assault, a rape kit presents the opportunity to obtain critical evidence to identify and convict a perpetrator. According to a 2019 study by Dr. Rebecca Campbell, 39.7% of sexual offenders identified by their DNA profile in CODIS were serial offenders with two or more sexual assaults linked through DNA and criminal histories.¹ However, this evidence is only useful if the kit is actually processed by the DNA lab.

Survivors who choose to undergo an invasive forensic exam to allow for the collection of DNA evidence deserve to have their kits preserved without cost, to be informed of the results of evidence collection when appropriate, and to receive clear written information about their rights and the handling of their evidence.

¹ Campbell, Rebecca, Hannah Feeney, Rachael Goodman-Williams, Dhruv B. Sharma, and Steven J. Pierce. "Connecting the Dots: Identifying Suspected Serial Sexual Offenders through Forensic DNA Evidence." *Psychology of Violence* 10, no. 3 (2019): 255–67, 255. <https://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000243>.



This bill would help ensure that survivors are not left in the dark about the status or results of their kit nor burdened with unexpected financial costs.

As such, we urge you to support this bill and pass it out of committee. Thank you for your continued leadership and for supporting victims of sexual violence in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Zoey Scheinblum-Brewer

