

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the House Committee on Legislative Administration,

My name is Jeremiah Gomes, and I am a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1692, which would expand and further formalize the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC).

To the Granite Stater between the ages of 14 to 22, LYAC serves as the “golden gate” to our state’s youth in a path of full immersion within New Hampshire’s legislative process. Regardless of which position this testimony is in the queue, you can tell just from the other testimonies submitted that students across New Hampshire have written to show support for LYAC’s operation, and in fact, this bill would allow for even greater youth representation and perspective within the legislature.

Furthermore, I have seen, and I’m sure many of you have as well, how passionate young people are about a wide range of issues. For many pieces of legislation, youth insight could add real value to the evaluation of potential laws. HB 1692 isn’t just about allowing youth a seat at the table, it’s all about making sure we don’t just sit there silently.

Thank you for your time and for considering the perspectives of New Hampshire’s youth.

Sincerely,  
Jeremiah Gomes  
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