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Honorable Chair Moffett
NH House State Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee
Subject: Testimony in Support of HCR 12

Dear Honorable Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 12. For the record my name is Krysten Evans, and I am the Director of Policy for ABLE NH, a statewide disability justice organization that works to protect and expand the civil and human rights of people with disabilities across New Hampshire.

This resolution calls on New Hampshire's federal delegation to support the implementation of Medicare for All. At its core, this is not a technical policy discussion. It is a moral one. It is about whether we believe that healthcare is a privilege reserved for the fortunate, or a human right owed to every person.

Every single day, I hear from families who are drowning under the weight of our broken healthcare system. Parents rationing medications. Adults with disabilities delaying lifesaving care because of cost. Seniors choosing between prescriptions and groceries. People with complex medical needs fighting endless battles with insurance companies that profit from denying care.

Our current system is cruel, fragmented, and unjust. It forces people to navigate a maze of private insurers, restrictive networks, prior authorizations, denials, copays, deductibles, and surprise bills. For people with disabilities, this burden is magnified exponentially. Many already face barriers in employment, transportation, housing, and daily living. Healthcare should not be another battlefield, and yet, it is.

Medicare for All offers a fundamentally different vision. One where care is centered on people, not profit. One where access is universal, comprehensive, and stable. One where coverage does not disappear when someone loses a job, changes employers, becomes disabled, ages out of eligibility, or faces a medical crisis. For people with disabilities, this stability is life changing.

When care is consistent, people stay healthier. When services are accessible, people remain independent. When preventative care is guaranteed, crises are avoided. When mental health care is treated as essential, lives are saved.

The evidence is clear, countries with universal healthcare systems achieve better health outcomes, lower costs, and greater equity. We already operate one of the most successful public healthcare programs in the nation through Medicare. Expanding and strengthening that framework to cover everyone is not radical. It is practical, humane, and fiscally responsible.

Healthcare costs are already crushing families, businesses, and state and local governments. Municipal budgets strain under employee insurance costs. Small businesses struggle to offer coverage. Families face bankruptcy from medical debt. Medicare for All shifts this burden into a streamlined, efficient public system that prioritizes care, prevention, and long-term savings. But beyond economics and logistics lies something deeper, dignity.

No one should have to beg for healthcare. No one should have to prove their worthiness for treatment. No one should suffer or die because an insurance company decided their life was too expensive.

HCR 12 sends a powerful message. It says that New Hampshire believes in compassion. It says that we value every life. It says that our leaders are willing to stand up for justice, equity, and humanity. This resolution is about who we are.

ABLE NH strongly urges you to support HCR 12 and to send a clear message to our federal delegation: New Hampshire is ready for a healthcare system that works for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your commitment to the people of our state.

Respectfully submitted,



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