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New Hampshire House Ways and Means Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing as a New Hampshire citizen, a board member of Our Place NH, and the parent of an adult daughter with Down syndrome, to respectfully but firmly urge you to deem **House Bill 1293 inexpedient to legislate.**

HB 1293 proposes to amend RSA 72:23, V by taxing property value exceeding \$1,000,000 at the municipal rate. While presented as a revenue measure, this bill poses a significant threat to the long-standing property tax-exempt status of nonprofit organizations across New Hampshire.

Nonprofits are essential partners in meeting the needs of our communities. As a parent of an adult daughter with Down syndrome, I see firsthand how deeply individuals with disabilities rely on nonprofit organizations for services, connection, dignity, and enrichment. From community programs and recreational opportunities to housing support and advocacy, nonprofits play a critical role in enabling adults like my daughter to live full, meaningful lives.

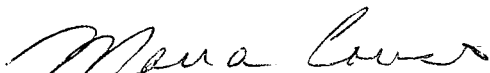
Balancing budgets by taxing nonprofits risks undermining these essential services. Many nonprofits already operate on tight margins, directing every possible dollar toward mission-driven work. Imposing new property taxes would force organizations to reduce services, limit access, or in some cases, close their doors entirely.

House Bill 1293 could result in reduced capacity, or the elimination, of critical programs such as childcare, homeless services, food pantries, and disability support services. These outcomes would not only harm vulnerable individuals and families, but would ultimately increase strain on municipalities and state systems.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the House Ways and Means Committee to deem HB 1293 inexpedient to legislate and to uphold New Hampshire's commitment to supporting nonprofit organizations and the people who depend on them.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



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