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Honorable Chairman Berry
NH House Election Law Committee
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB 1062

Dear Honorable Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1062. 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.

While framed as an administrative safeguard, this bill would introduce fear, surveillance, and instability into our voting system, with disproportionate and deeply harmful consequences for people with disabilities.

For many people with disabilities, voting already requires courage, preparation, and trust. Trust that the system will work. Trust that their registration will not be questioned. Trust that they will not be accused of wrongdoing simply for participating in democracy. House Bill 1062 breaks that trust.

People with disabilities are more likely to rely on assistance to register to vote, more likely to move due to housing instability, more likely to interact with multiple public systems, and more likely to have records that are outdated, incomplete, or inconsistent across databases. Introducing random audits based on database matching dramatically increases the risk of false flags. These are not hypothetical risks. We have seen again and again that database matching produces errors, and those errors fall hardest on people already pushed to the margins.

This bill does not require notice to voters before audits occur. It does not guarantee due process protections before information is referred for investigation. It does not require transparency about which private databases are used or how accuracy is evaluated. Instead, it gives the state broad authority to scrutinize voters after they have already registered and sworn an affidavit, turning a fundamental right into a conditional privilege subject to surveillance.

For people with disabilities, the consequences are chilling. The mere possibility of being investigated or referred to the Attorney General is enough to deter participation. Fear is a barrier. Confusion is a barrier. Uncertainty is a barrier. House Bill 1062 adds all three.

There is also no demonstrated need for this bill. New Hampshire already has strong safeguards to ensure that only eligible voters cast ballots. Claims of widespread noncitizen voting are unsupported by evidence, yet bills like this continue to advance, creating solutions in search of a problem while causing real harm to real people.

At its core, House Bill 1062 asks us to accept collateral damage to democracy in exchange for a false sense of security. It asks us to tolerate wrongful scrutiny, intimidation, and disenfranchisement of lawful voters, including voters with disabilities, for a problem that does not exist at scale.

ABLE NH believes that democracy is strongest when participation is expanded, not policed. When voters are welcomed, not watched. When rights are protected, not conditioned on flawless paperwork or error-free databases.

We urge you to reject House Bill 1062. Do not move our state closer to voter surveillance and intimidation. Do not make voting more dangerous for people with disabilities. Protect the integrity of our elections by protecting the people who participate in them.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



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