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New Hampshire House of Representatives
State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee
107 N Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Opposition to “HR34 declaring that Sharia law and political Islam represent existential threat to the state and country and that any deference to Sharia law by a government institution is prohibited.”

I Kennard B. Soleyn voice my **opposition** to **HR34** a resolution currently under consideration by the New Hampshire house of representatives. Sharia is a fundamental religious concept of Islam. It represents God’s code and laws for all of mankind. People of the Islamic faith express Sharia in a variety of ways. Sharia encompasses ethical standards and code of behavior. The interpretation of Sharia has produced a variety of positions which are subject to jurist interpretation that require extensive study of the law and legal systems.

HR34 goes against the principles guaranteed by the 1st amendment of the United States Constitution. “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”.

The United States of America practices Sharia in its core principles. Examples are:

- “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness”
- “Under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all”

The writers of HR34 do not appear to have an understanding of Islamic faith and the concept of Sharia. I therefore suggest that this resolution be rendered “Inexpedient to Legislate”. I would additionally suggest that the writers of the resolution enroll in an Islamic studies course at the University of New Hampshire as that would perhaps enable a better understanding of Islam. This could enable interfaith cooperation and cultural understanding which will facilitate a higher quality of life for all Granite Staters.

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