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NH House of Representatives
Executive Departments and Administration
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB1675, "An act establishing a commission to investigate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and requiring funding only be provided for the direct services materially benefitting survivors of sexual and domestic assault."

Dear Charman Layon and members of the committee,

I wish to both condemn HB 1675 and encourage you to find it inexpedient to legislate. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the public hearing, so I wish to provide my testimony in writing.

By way of introduction, I am an attorney who has been practicing criminal law in New Hampshire for over 25 years. I have previously served the State of New Hampshire as a prosecutor at the Rockingham County Attorney's Office, the Concord City Prosecutor's Office, and the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. I currently manage a small independent law firm in Concord: Endres Law, PLLC.

Throughout my career I have had the honor and pleasure of working with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (hereinafter, "the Coalition"). I can say, without hesitation, the Coalition is above reproach.

In full disclosure, I am aware that there is a woman in California who has hatched some bizarre conspiracy theories centering on the Coalition and people associated with the Coalition, the Concord Police Department, and the NH Criminal Justice System. When I was working at the Merrimack County Attorney's Office I reviewed and responded to letters from this woman which were not based in reality and contained wild, baseless accusations of kickbacks, witness tampering, and manipulation of the New Hampshire Courts. Many of these accusations appear to be tied to the sexual assault trial of Owen Labrie.

Frankly, in this woman's view, I am probably part of the conspiracy. I have known the person at the Coalition who this conspiracy focuses on for close to 20 years and consider her a friend. I worked for the City of Concord as a prosecutor during the timeframe that Owen Labrie was prosecuted for sexual assault. I know all of the detectives that were involved in the Owen Labrie investigation. Owen Labrie was prosecuted by the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. I have worked for the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. Specifically, Catherine Ruffle and Joseph Cherniske prosecuted Owen Labrie's trial. I have known both of them for almost 20 years and consider them friends. Scott Murray was Merrimack County Attorney at the time, and prior to being elected county attorney, Scott Murray was my boss at the Concord City Prosecutor's

Office. Owen Labrie's original attorney was my trial advocacy professor in law school. I could go on and on with the connections... This is not evidence of a conspiracy or an "insider's club," it is the reality of a small community in New Hampshire. While these connections may be unheard of for a person in California, anyone who works in the criminal justice system in New Hampshire is familiar with the small community.

HB1675 is a laundry list of now familiar baseless conspiracy theories. In my opinion, we should not be wasting taxpayer money (I notice this bill does not contain a fiscal note) on investigating nonsense.

The sad reality is that people who have lost touch with reality will never be satisfied with actual facts. I am confident that if the legislature were to form a committee to investigate the Coalition, the committee would find no evidence of wrongdoing whatsoever. However, that would not satisfy those who choose to believe that there is a conspiracy and a cover-up. For them, the committee's exoneration would only implicate the committee as another complicit partner in the cover-up.

The actual facts are that the Coalition is a public charity. Like all charities, it is already subject to potential investigation and oversight by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit pursuant to RSA 7:19-7:32-b.

If you are interested in the Coalition's financial disclosures, links to them can be found on the Coalition's website. In fact, the nonprofit "Candid," which publishes "comprehensive data about the public sector- where money comes from, where it goes, and why it matters" has awarded the Coalition with a "Gold Seal of Transparency."

I urge you not fall for these conspiracies and lend credibility to a person who has chosen to target New Hampshire residents who are committed to justice. In my opinion, HB 1675 is nonsense and I encourage you to find it inexpedient to legislate.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Endres', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Endres