



**To:** Chair Lynn, Vice Chair Mannion, and the House Judiciary Committee

**Re:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1769 relative to certain prohibitions on abortion referrals by publicly funded medical facilities.

**Date:** February 09, 2026

**Position:** INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

The Lovering Health Center in Greenland, New Hampshire is a non-profit licensed health care facility. We have provided safe, evidence-based abortion care for over 45 years. We are concerned that HB 1769 interferes with the practice of evidence-based and patient centered care at critical, state-funded healthcare access points across our state.

As a registered nurse I have worked at three federally qualified health care centers (FQHCs) and family planning program sites in New Hampshire. Each of these sites provided full patient centered options counseling to all pregnant patients including continuing pregnancy and parenting, adoption, and pregnancy termination. Providers do not need additional mandates to provide comprehensive care.

Anti-abortion sponsors and organizations claim that reproductive health providers withhold information about pregnancy options. There is no evidence that this problem exists or requires remedy.

A full and comprehensive review of options is part of our informed consent process for abortion care – because true patient centered care requires ensuring patients understand the full spectrum of reproductive options available to them. New Hampshire medical professionals and their patients deserve the privacy to make health care decisions within their trusted relationships – introducing state mandated speech risks the provision of high-quality reproductive health care across New Hampshire.

I urge you to vote **Inexpedient to Legislate** on HB 1769.

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