



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

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

Date: February 9, 2026

Position: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Equality Health Center is an independent, nonprofit, reproductive, and sexual health clinic located in Concord, New Hampshire. For more than 51 years, we have provided essential, high-quality health care to our community.

HB 1769 would impose a harmful gag rule on licensed medical providers in New Hampshire by prohibiting clinicians at facilities that receive state funding from referring patients for abortion services, except in specific circumstances. This restriction interferes with the patient-provider relationship, delivery of care, and prevents clinicians from offering complete, medically accurate, and unbiased information about all legal health care options.

By limiting what providers can say, this bill undermines informed consent, compromises the ethical standards of medical practice, and places ideology above evidence-based care. Patients deserve honest, comprehensive information so they can make deeply personal health decisions in consultation with qualified medical professionals—not under restrictions imposed by law.

For these reasons, Equality Health Center strongly opposes HB 1769 and urges policymakers to protect the integrity of medical care, the rights of patients to receive accurate information, and the professional judgment of health care providers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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