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Opposition to HB 1313 – repealing buffer zones for reproductive health care facilities

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I respectfully oppose HB 1313, which would eliminate established buffer zones around reproductive health care facilities in New Hampshire. These buffer zones help ensure that patients can access medical care without harassment, intimidation, or obstruction.

Reproductive health care is a legal medical service, and patients should be able to enter and exit clinics safely, privately, and with dignity. Removing these protections risks creating an environment where individuals seeking care are subject to aggressive or unwanted encounters, which can deter people from obtaining necessary services and undermine their privacy and physical safety. Buffer zones are a narrowly tailored public safety measure, not a restriction on speech; they balance the rights of protesters with the rights of patients to receive health care free from interference.

Public safety, respect for personal medical decisions, and the free flow of patients to health care facilities are priorities shared by many Granite Staters. HB 1313 weakens those protections and could increase conflict around clinics without meaningfully enhancing anyone's free speech rights.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote against HB 1313 and preserve safe, accessible reproductive health care for all residents.

Respectfully,
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