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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB1675.

I write as a survivor who has benefited from the services of Starting Point, a member organization in Carroll County, as well as from the advocacy and support of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Survivors of domestic violence are keenly attuned to the motivations of others to silence them and minimize their rights. On my first reading of this bill, the intent to do exactly that was apparent.

Survivors across New Hampshire rely on the Coalition and its member crisis centers for far more than material benefits.

Survivors know that what is needed extends far beyond emergency resources that “materially benefit survivors.” Survivors need advocacy beside us in courtrooms and hospital rooms and in the Sate House when our voices feel hardest to use. Guidance to navigate complex systems that were never designed with our safety in mind. Prevention education that protects the next generation, and professional training that ensures law enforcement, healthcare providers, and social services respond with competence and care. Structures that do not simply react to violence, but actively work to prevent it and repair the systems that too often fail us. The Coalition accomplishes these things in deeply meaningful and impressive fashion, strengthening not only individual survivor outcomes but the safety and accountability of the systems meant to protect us.

I was victimized not only by my abuser, but also by significant systemic failures. I am forever grateful for the ways in which the Coalition helped me when I needed help to ensure those failures were addressed, improved, or eliminated to reduce harm to others.

Weakening the Coalition weakens the coordinated network that keeps survivors safe and helps them rebuild their lives. Defunding statewide support, removing its voice from commissions, and subjecting it to politically motivated investigation risks destabilizing crisis centers and creating dangerous service gaps.

Legislators should be focused on protecting victims and strengthening survivor services, not undermining the organizations tasked with doing exactly that.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB1675.

Respectfully,

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