

To: Members of the New Hampshire House Judiciary Committee
From: John Dreher
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Subject: Opposition to HB 1447 – Restricting the Use of Facilities Based on Sex

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to HB 1447, which seeks to mandate the segregation of restrooms, locker rooms, and sleeping quarters based on a restrictive definition of biological sex. This legislation is unnecessary, unenforceable, and poses a direct threat to the privacy and safety of all Granite Staters.

I urge you to oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- **Undermines Established Protections:** HB 1447 would effectively roll back the landmark 2018 legislation that added gender identity to New Hampshire's nondiscrimination laws. It explicitly states that sex-based exclusions in public facilities would not constitute discrimination, creating a legal loophole that targets the transgender community.
- **Invites Invasive "Body Policing":** By defining "female" and "male" based on specific chromosomal and reproductive criteria (such as the presence or absence of the SRY gene), the bill invites strangers to scrutinize and "verify" the bodies of anyone who does not fit traditional gender stereotypes. This places cisgender women and children at risk of harassment and privacy violations.
- **Impractical and Broad:** Governor Kelly Ayotte and former Governor Chris Sununu have both vetoed similar measures in the past, calling them "overly broad and impractical to enforce". There is no clear mechanism for how businesses or public entities would verify birth certificates at the door of a restroom.

New Hampshire has no documented evidence of safety issues arising from the 2018 nondiscrimination law. HB 1447 is a solution in search of a problem that only serves to alienate and harm our fellow citizens.

I respectfully ask the Committee to vote "**Inexpedient to Legislate**" on HB 1447.
Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,

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