



To: Chairman Lynn and members of the House Judiciary Committee

Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 1590, an act harmonizing the age of personhood under the criminal code and the fetal life protection act

Date: February 25, 2026

Position: Inexpedient to Legislate

The Equality Health Center is an independent, nonprofit reproductive and sexual health clinic in Concord, NH. For more than 50 years, we have provided essential, high-quality, evidence-based abortion care and other reproductive health services to our community.

HB 1590-FN would effectively prohibit abortion care in New Hampshire after 20 weeks of pregnancy, limiting access to essential medical services for families across the state and unnecessarily exposing health care providers to criminal penalties.

The existing distinction between the criminal statute (RSA 630:1-a) and the statutes governing medical licensure and health care regulation (RSA 329:44) serves an important purpose. It safeguards victims while preserving the ability of patients and providers to make informed medical decisions without unwarranted interference during a critical stage of pregnancy. Merging—or “harmonizing”—these statutes would not improve safety or health outcomes for New Hampshire residents.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the committee to vote **Inexpedient to Legislate** on HB 1590-FN.

Thank you,

Jinelle Hall, Executive Director