



Testimony Before the New Hampshire House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Beth Parlato, and I'm submitting this testimony on behalf of Independent Women's Law Center, where I serve as Senior Legal Counsel. Independent Women champions policy solutions that not only sound good but enhance freedom, opportunity, and well-being for women and girls.

I first want to thank you for hearing Senate Bill 552 today and I urge its passage.

For too long, bureaucrats and activists have attempted to blur the reality that women are biologically distinct from men. As a result, women and girls across the country have been pressured to sacrifice their privacy, safety, and dignity in spaces where they should feel most secure - locker rooms, restrooms, prisons, and other intimate facilities.

SB 552 simply reaffirms a common-sense principle: women and girls should not be forced to give up their privacy to men in female spaces. This bill provides clear, enforceable protections for single-sex facilities while respecting the rights of all New Hampshire residents.

Importantly, SB 552 does *not* create new *rights* for women, nor does it strip rights from others. It safeguards what already exists - the right of women and girls to private spaces that protect their safety and dignity.

We understand that separate facilities for men and women are not discriminatory; they are practical and rooted in respect. Our grassroots storytelling team, Independent Women's Features has uncovered [many instances](#) of males dominating female spaces and opportunities, stealing

their right to privacy. This bill would help protect women in single-sex spaces, like prisons, and ensure that female private spaces are not erased.

By passing SB 552, New Hampshire will send a strong message: the privacy, security, and equal opportunity of women and girls matter and deserve to be defended.

I respectfully urge this committee to advance SB 552.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Parlato". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Beth" and "Parlato" being capitalized and prominent.

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