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Honorable Chairman MacDonald
NH House Health, Human Service & Elderly Affairs Committee
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB 392

Thank you Chair and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Krysten Evans, and I serve as the Director of Policy for ABLE NH, a disability justice organization dedicated to protecting the civil and human rights of people with disabilities across New Hampshire.

I am here today to speak in strong opposition to HB 392 because this bill is not just policy, it is personal. It threatens the well-being, independence, and dignity of people who already face enormous barriers every single day.

People with disabilities work hard to build lives, contribute to their communities, and navigate systems that were not designed with them in mind. Many already struggle to access healthcare, find stable housing, and secure employment. This bill would strip away the few remaining safeguards that help level the playing field. It would make daily life harder for people who are already fighting to be seen, heard, and valued.

HB 392 is not just about eliminating offices or positions, it is about the message it sends. It says that equity and inclusion are optional. It tells people with disabilities that their struggles do not matter, that their access is not a priority, and that their rights are negotiable. That is unacceptable.

New Hampshire can and must do better. A truly strong and just state is one that ensures every person, regardless of ability, has the same opportunity to thrive. I urge you to reject HB 392 and affirm NH's Commitment to equity, dignity, and inclusion for all.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krysten Evans". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the rest.

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