



NAMI New Hampshire Statement on Stoppage of HB 1431
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Concord, NH — NAMI New Hampshire is profoundly relieved that HB 1431 failed in the New Hampshire House today and will not move forward. Our heartfelt thanks to the advocates who spoke up and to NH House Representatives from both sides of the aisle who took a stand for the mental health and wellbeing of youth in our state. We are grateful for Governor Sununu's stated intention to veto HB 1431 had it advanced to his desk.

If enacted into law, HB 1431 would have devastatingly impacted the ability of LGBTQ+ youth to safely connect with support in schools.

NAMI New Hampshire's mission is to improve the lives of all Granite Staters affected by mental illness and suicide. Our community members who identify as LGBTQ+ often face daily discrimination and lack family support – both factors can increase risk for mental health problems including suicidality.

NAMI NH stands ready to work alongside legislators and policymakers to help children and their families to thrive in communities of support, education, and hope.

Visit [NAMINH.org/LGBTQIA](https://www.naminh.org/LGBTQIA) for mental health resources curated to support the LGBTQ+ community.

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