



NAMI New Hampshire

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Honorable Chairman Bob Lynn
House Judiciary Committee
Granite Place Room 230
1 Granite Pl, Concord, NH 03301

RE: NAMI NH Support for HB 1032

Chairman Lynn and Committee Members:

On behalf of NAMI NH, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, I write in support of HB 1032, creating an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities and individuals caring for a household member with disabilities.

As an organization that works tirelessly to support individuals and families impacted by mental illness and suicide, we firmly believe that the perspective of lived experience is essential to good policymaking. As people who spend their daily lives interacting with the systems dictating access and quality of services, these individuals have extensive practical knowledge that can be utilized to strengthen mental health policy here in New Hampshire.

However, the symptoms of a mental illness or the responsibilities of caregiving can make it incredibly difficult to engage with the policymaking process – let alone regularly attend a commission meeting in-person. HB 1032 provides a common sense solution to this problem that would ensure that Granite Staters can participate in crafting the laws and rules that impact them and their loved ones every single day.

For these reasons, NAMI NH urges the committee to recommend Ought to Pass for HB 1032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Hawkins".

Sam Hawkins

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