

February 11, 2026

Honorable Chair Kristin Noble  
House Education Policy and Administration Committee  
Granite Place Room 232  
1 Granite Pl, Concord, NH 03301

**RE: NAMI NH Opposition to HB 1754**

Chair Noble and Committee Members:

On behalf of NAMI NH, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, I write in opposition to HB 1754, repealing the statewide use of the multi-tiered system of supports for behavioral health and wellness relative to systems of care for children's mental health.

The Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health (MTSS-B) is an evidenced-based prevention framework to support the behavioral health and wellness of all students within a school. The MTSS-B framework prioritizes collaboration between schools and community mental health agencies to coordinate systems and train providers to identify students in need of support and deliver high-fidelity, evidence-based interventions.

HB 1754 repeals the requirement incorporating MTSS-B within NH's Children's System of Care. As such, this bill wouldn't prohibit schools from utilizing MTSS-B and forming partnerships with community services – however, it would fracture the state's ongoing efforts to support youth mental health. The system of care is built upon collaboration and interoperability. HB 1754 would remove the state's direct involvement in MTSS-B, forcing us back into silos that we have worked so hard to eliminate, at a time when the state is making modest yet immensely meaningful progress.

MTSS-B is one of many crucial practices that NH has worked hard to implement in support of the system of care. It is essential that the state continues the meaningful engagement and collaboration that has truly helped enable progress. For these reasons, NAMI NH urges the committee to recommend Inexpedient to Legislate for HB 1754.

Sincerely,



Sam Hawkins

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