



February 12, 2026

Honorable Chairman William Gannon
Senate Judiciary
State House Room 100
107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301

RE: NAMI NH Opposition to SB 464

Dear Chairman Gannon and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today. My name is Holly Stevens, and I am the Director of Public Policy at NAMI New Hampshire, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI NH is a non-profit, grassroots organization whose mission is to improve the lives of all people impacted by mental illness and suicide through support, education and advocacy. On behalf of NAMI NH, I am writing today in opposition to SB 464, relative to civil rights enforcement.

In New Hampshire, one in five adults experience a mental illness and one in six youth aged 12-17 experience a major depressive episode each year. This equates to 259,000 adults in the Granite State who are directly impacted by a mental health condition, with 66,000 adults living with a serious mental illness (SMI).¹ In 2021, nearly 40% of adults in New Hampshire reported symptoms of anxiety or depression.

Despite the prevalence of mental illness, there is still much stigma and discrimination facing this population. SB 464 would only serve to loosen discrimination enforcement making it easier for someone to legally discriminate against a person with a mental illness or other disability. Therefore, NAMI NH urges the committee to vote inexpedient to legislate on SB 464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly A. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Holly A. Stevens, Esq.

¹ NAMI 2025 NH Fact Sheet

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