

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 16, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs to which was referred HB 112,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Brodie Deshaies**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 112</b>
Title:	<b>establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.</b>
Date:	<b>February 16, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This study is redundant and does not effectively utilize tax payers' dollars. Statistics on the effects of deporting primary earners are already collected by non-profits across the nation. Any non-profit could do so in NH. Additionally, the policy issue of immigration falls under federal jurisdiction. Per the U.S. Constitution, the Federal Government is responsible for all immigration enforcement matters, and customs enforcement is established under federal law and delegated as such in the U.S. Constitution. Everyday immigration matters, such as application processing, are handled by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Customs and border protection is another important aspect, guarding not only the U.S. border, but a broad swath of land within it, plus other points of entry such as air and seaports. This study will have no effect on NH and it will just lead back to the Federal Government having to take action upon public and private studies that have already been conducted.

Vote 11-10.

Rep. Brodie Deshaies  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

**HB 112**, establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brodie Deshaies for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The majority recommends ITL because this study is redundant and does not effectively utilize tax payers dollars. Statistics on the effects of deporting primary earners are already collected by non-profits across the nation. Any nonprofit could do so in NH. Additionally, the policy issue of immigration falls under federal jurisdiction. Per the U.S. Constitution, the federal government is responsible for all immigration enforcement matters, and customs enforcement (or ICE) is established under federal law and delegated as such in the U.S. Constitution. Everyday immigration matters, such as application processing, are handled by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or USCIS. Customs and border protection is another important aspect, guarding not only the U.S. border, but a broad swath of land within it, plus other points of entry such as air and seaports. This study will have no effect on NH and it will just lead back to the federal government having to take action upon public and private studies that have already been conducted. **Vote 11-10.**

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**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 12, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs to which was referred HB 112,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Amanda Toll**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MINORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs
Bill Number:	HB 112
Title:	establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.
Date:	February 12, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This study committee will provide the much-needed current data on the economic impact on communities in NH of deportation of primary breadwinners. NH communities are experiencing a workforce shortage, and the vibrancy and vitality of communities are being reduced, while human potential is being underutilized, due to deportations. This study would give us a basis to find appropriate solutions to sustain communities' economic growth. Additionally, this study will help us to further understand the humanitarian impact of deportation on our immigrant communities.

Rep. Amanda Toll  
FOR THE MINORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

**HB 112**, establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Amanda Toll for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The minority recommends that this bill OUGHT TO PASS. This study committee will provide the much-needed current data on the economic impact on communities in NH of deportation of primary breadwinners. NH communities are experiencing a workforce shortage, and the vibrancy and vitality of communities are being reduced, while human potential is being underutilized, due to deportations. This study would give us a basis to find appropriate solutions to sustain communities' economic growth. Additionally, this study will help us to further understand the humanitarian impact of deportation on our immigrant communities.

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# Voting Sheets



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 112**

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

**DATE:** February 12, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 206/208

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Deshaies

Seconded by Rep. Binford

Vote: 11-10

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Susan DeLemus, Clerk



2021 SESSION

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

Bill #: HB 112 Motion: ITL AM #: 9:15 Exec Session Date: 2/12/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Baldasaro, Al P. Chairman	✓		
Moffett, Michael Vice Chairman	✓		
<del>Lundgren, David G.</del> <u>Dennis Acton</u>	✓		
Katsakiores, Phyllis M.	✓		
Rollins, Skip A.	✓		
DeLemus, Susan C. Clerk	✓		
Binford, David W.	✓		
Foster, William S.	✓		
Deshaies, Brodie S.	✓		
Harley, Tina L.	✓		
Leavitt, John A.	✓		
Massimilla, Linda A.		✓	
Piedra, Israel F.		✓	
Booras, Efstathia C.		✓	
Wilhelm, Matthew B.		✓	
Espitia, Manny		✓	
<del>Griffith, Willis T.</del> <u>Art Ellison</u>		✓	
Toll, Amanda Elizabeth		✓	
Labranche, Tony		✓	
Laughton, Stacie-Marie		✓	
Welkowitz, Lawrence		✓	

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# Public Hearing

# House Remote Testify

## State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill HB112 on 2021-01-29

Support: 69 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
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# Testimony

**Archived:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:46:26 AM  
**From:** [Carol Stamm](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:09:29 PM  
**To:** [~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** HB112  
**Importance:** Normal

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Please pass this bill. Deporting breadwinners puts extreme hardship on families. Without the income of the breadwinner, families cannot pay rent or put food on the table. The psychological effect on the whole family is devastating, especially on children. Please consider the humane thing to do, and give the new administration a chance to improve our immigration system. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Stamm,  
Hudson, NH



**Archived:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:46:26 AM  
**From:** Sue Corby  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:17:40 PM  
**To:** ~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs  
**Subject:** HB112  
**Importance:** Normal

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To the House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to support HB112. I am a teacher of the English language to adult learners in Manchester and have seen the effects of deportation on families, individuals and entire communities. I formed impressions but what we need is data and a study committee will provide that.

Many of those effected when a family member is deported are US citizens. Many of those who are deported are (or were) the main source of income for their families. Without their principal means of support, these families are forced to seek public assistance of various kinds. This is discouraging and dispiriting for them as they have worked hard to be financially stable and have taken pride in their accomplishments. There need to use public assistance puts a financial burden on our cities and on the State of NH. A family that has been contributing to the federal pot through their income taxes now becomes a family that needs to be supported financially.

In addition is the emotional cost to the children and spouses who have been left behind. This often reaches the level of serious trauma, as can be seen particularly in children's behavior and success in school. It is well known that children do best when they have access to both parents. The lack of consistent access to a parent who has been deported can create severe emotional problems for children. And it is well known that children can't learn much when they are emotionally burdened. The child begins to need special services which can be costly. In the end, if the child doesn't recover from this traumatic separation and the family instability it causes, this child will become an adult in need of special services. That will again create a financial burden on our cities and state. A child who lived in a family with 2 parents, who had hope and promise, now becomes a child with access to only one parent, and that's a parent who is probably bereft and depressed. This is the ripple effect of deportation.

I realize this bill simply asks for a study, not a solution. I realize, too, that most of the solution lies at the federal level. However, we here in NH need to understand the impact, financial and psychological, of deportation and we need data. If we don't ask the question, if we don't study the problem, we won't have the data we need to address the damaging consequences of deportation on those left behind, on our communities and on our state. And with data and other information from a study, we will be better able to present to our representatives in Washington the information they need to make informed decisions about immigration reform.

Thank you for your time, your attention and your consideration.

Marjorie Suzanne Corby (Sue Corby)  
2094 Elm St.  
Manchester, NH 03104

**Archived:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:46:23 AM  
**From:** [Jean](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:08:33 AM  
**To:** [~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** support HB112  
**Importance:** Normal

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Families are losing their breadwinners due to deportation and our harsh, inhumane immigration policy. There are devastating personal costs to the families themselves, made worse by the pandemic and resulting shortages of access to food, housing, and social supports. There are also costs to the public, as families whose income source has been removed by deportation. Donations and social services can only go so far, when there are so many in need.

HB112 would assess the true impacts and costs of such decisions to every resident of NH. Please recommend it to the House.

Thank you,

Jean Lewandowski  
Nashua

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**Archived:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:46:23 AM  
**From:** [Lawrence Welkowitz](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 3:49:57 PM  
**To:** [Jean](#)  
**Cc:** [~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** Re: support HB112  
**Importance:** Normal

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Agreed. Thanks for your message. I testified in favor but lost along party lines in Committee.

From my mobile to you  
Larry Welkowitz, Ph.D.  
Prof. of Psychology  
Chair Dept. Psychology  
Keene State College  
[Lwelkowi@Keene.edu](mailto:Lwelkowi@Keene.edu)

On Feb 15, 2021, at 10:08 AM, Jean <[jlwando@hotmail.com](mailto:jlwando@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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**To:** ~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs  
**Subject:** This is my writing testimony that I could not finish  
**Importance:** Normal

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Mr. Chairman and members of the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee.

I was testifying today in support of HB 112, but I do not think I could express the complete thoughts I wanted to share with all of you because of the lack of sufficient time, even when I was speaking as fast as I could. I am speaking on my behalf as a concerned citizen.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, many immigrant children live in homes with a deportation threat, often without notice. The threat of deportation has numerous health effects, including anxiety, depression, disruptions in eating and sleeping, and poor school performance. Those are just the beginning of a broader range of physical and mental health issues with lifelong implications. If childhood shapes who we eventually grow up to be, and forms the foundation of our health as adults, then a childhood with the threat of deportation is exceptionally damaging to individual health and the health of our nation.

A Migration Policy Organization Report published in 2015 showed that between 2003 and 2013, 25 percent of the 3.7 million people deported from the US left behind at least one child. If the 11 million undocumented people were being deported, nearly 3 million children would lose a parent, leaving, many times, unreversible damage to the children and indirectly in the society.

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/deportation-parent-can-have-significant-and-long-lasting-harmful-effects-child-well-being-pair>

Frequent deportations are not out of the view of children. Immigration agents forcefully invade homes with guns drawn to violently remove a parent from their own home, leaving children suffering psychological and health consequences.

The family member deported is often the family's sole breadwinner. Despite requiring assistance, the left parent to don't starve or become homeless is afraid to reach out for government resources, fearing more repercussions. That is why I ask you to pass HB112 to find real data because the official data does not reflect the reality of the consequence left behind by the deported breadwinner of those American Families affected by this issue.

Affected families frequently need to move out of their houses to avoid eviction; entire families end living in a room of an acquaintance house paying rent.

The parent left behind needs to work several jobs, sometimes including night shifts, schedules not compatible for a quality family time that leaves developing psychological consequences in their children.

Often, the parent role is taken by the teenage siblings who can not have the opportunity to have a normal growing up process.

Quality nutrition became a challenge, and it is not the nutritional value anymore that directs the decision of what to look for in the market. The food price will be the guide to fill up the basket many times full of food to fill the stomach but with low nutritional value.

Low-quality food, stress led to sleeping disorders, obesity, attention deficit, diabetes mellitus type II problems. If they appear at a young age, they will affect the rest of the life with consequences not only for them but for the health system at large.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by emailing me at [alejandro4nhcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:alejandro4nhcitizens@gmail.com) or by phone at 603 321 1291.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alejandro Urrutia

**Archived:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:38:12 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:17:40 PM  
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Many of those effected when a family member is deported are US citizens. Many of those who are deported are (or were) the main source of income for their families. Without their principal means of support, these families are forced to seek public assistance of various kinds. This is discouraging and dispiriting for them as they have worked hard to be financially stable and have taken pride in their accomplishments. There need to use public assistance puts a financial burden on our cities and on the State of NH. A family that has been contributing to the federal pot through their income taxes now becomes a family that needs to be supported financially.

In addition is the emotional cost to the children and spouses who have been left behind. This often reaches the level of serious trauma, as can be seen particularly in children's behavior and success in school. It is well known that children do best when they have access to both parents. The lack of consistent access to a parent who has been deported can create severe emotional problems for children. And it is well known that children can't learn much when they are emotionally burdened. The child begins to need special services which can be costly. In the end, if the child doesn't recover from this traumatic separation and the family instability it causes, this child will become an adult in need of special services. That will again create a financial burden on our cities and state. A child who lived in a family with 2 parents, who had hope and promise, now becomes a child with access to only one parent, and that's a parent who is probably bereft and depressed. This is the ripple effect of deportation.

I realize this bill simply asks for a study, not a solution. I realize, too, that most of the solution lies at the federal level. However, we here in NH need to understand the impact, financial and psychological, of deportation and we need data. If we don't ask the question, if we don't study the problem, we won't have the data we need to address the damaging consequences of deportation on those left behind, on our communities and on our state. And with data and other information from a study, we will be better able to present to our representatives in Washington the information they need to make informed decisions about immigration reform.

Thank you for your time, your attention and your consideration.

Marjorie Suzanne Corby (Sue Corby)  
2094 Elm St.  
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House State-Federal Relations and Veteran's Affairs

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Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Foley RSM, Manchester, NH 03102

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Families are losing their breadwinners due to deportation and our harsh, inhumane immigration policy. There are devastating personal costs to the families themselves, made worse by the pandemic and resulting shortages of access to food, housing, and social supports. There are also costs to the public, as families whose income source has been removed by deportation. Donations and social services can only go so far, when there are so many in need.

HB112 would assess the true impacts and costs of such decisions to every resident of NH. Please recommend it to the House.

Thank you,

Jean Lewandowski  
Nashua

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Good morning,

My name is Bruno Soares and I am an immigration advocate at Catholic Charities New Hampshire and we support this bill. The great impact of immigrants being deported from our communities is far beyond one can imagine. In terms of economical impact, there are approximately 15,000 undocumented immigrants in NH. According a study conducted by New American Economy in 2019, undocumented immigrants have a spending power of \$518.4M, and contrary to what many believe, have paid \$67M in state and federal taxes in that same year.

[\(https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/new-hampshire/\)](https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/new-hampshire/)

A research published on the Journal on Migration and Human Security, stated that three-quarters of undocumented immigrants in the United states are self-employed, and in the process, they have created jobs for many others. The research also shows that 73% of undocumented immigrants had incomes at or above the poverty level and that

about 62% of undocumented immigrants have been living in the U.S. for 10 years or more.

These undocumented immigrants that are deportable, are generally the head of their households, including households that have children who are U.S. citizens. The research has shown that if these undocumented individuals are deported from mixed-status families, the median household income would drop from \$41,300 to \$19,000, or 47%. Furthermore, if these U.S. born children were left in the U.S. the estimated cost to raise them would be \$118 billion.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/233150241700500101>

I have shared with you today the economical benefits that immigrants have to our economy,  
But the moral question that is left unrest is... What if it was your family?

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Please pass this bill. Deporting breadwinners puts extreme hardship on families. Without the income of the breadwinner, families cannot pay rent or put food on the table. The psychological effect on the whole family is devastating, especially on children. Please consider the humane thing to do, and give the new administration a chance to improve our immigration system. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Stamm,

Hudson, NH

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Mr. Chairman and members of the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee.

I was testifying today in support of HB 112, but I do not think I could express the complete thoughts I wanted to share with all of you because of the lack of sufficient time, even when I was speaking as fast as I could. I am speaking on my behalf as a concerned citizen.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, many immigrant children live in homes with a deportation threat, often without notice. The threat of deportation has numerous health effects, including anxiety, depression, disruptions in eating and sleeping, and poor school performance. Those are just the beginning of a broader range of physical and mental health issues with lifelong implications. If childhood shapes who we eventually grow up to be, and forms the foundation of our health as adults, then a childhood with the threat of deportation is exceptionally damaging to individual health and the health of our nation.

A Migration Policy Organization Report published in 2015 showed that between 2003 and 2013, 25 percent of the 3.7 million people deported from the US left behind at least one child. If the 11 million undocumented people were being deported, nearly 3 million children would lose a parent, leaving, many times, unreversible damage to the children and indirectly in the society.

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/deportation-parent-can-have-significant-and-long-lasting-harmful-effects-child-well-being-pair>

Frequent deportations are not out of the view of children. Immigration agents forcefully invade homes with guns drawn to violently remove a parent from their own home, leaving children suffering psychological and health consequences.

The family member deported is often the family's sole breadwinner. Despite requiring assistance, the left parent to don't starve or become homeless is afraid to reach out for government resources, fearing more repercussions. That is why I ask you to pass HB112 to find real data because the official data does not reflect the reality of the consequence left behind by the deported breadwinner of those American Families affected by this issue.

Affected families frequently need to move out of their houses to avoid eviction; entire families end living in a room of an acquaintance house paying rent.

The parent left behind needs to work several jobs, sometimes including night shifts, schedules not compatible for a quality family time that leaves developing psychological consequences in their children.

Often, the parent role is taken by the teenage siblings who can not have the opportunity to have a normal growing up process.

Quality nutrition became a challenge, and it is not the nutritional value anymore that directs the decision of what to look for in the market. The food price will be the guide to fill up the basket many times full of food to fill the stomach but with low nutritional value.

Low-quality food, stress led to sleeping disorders, obesity, attention deficit, diabetes mellitus type II problems. If they appear at a young age, they will affect the rest of the life with consequences not only for them but for the health system at large.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by emailing me at [alejandro4nhcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:alejandro4nhcitizens@gmail.com) or by phone at 603 321 1291.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alejandro Urrutia

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Agreed. Thanks for your message. I testified in favor but lost along party lines in Committee.

From my mobile to you  
Larry Welkowitz, Ph.D.  
Prof. of Psychology  
Chair Dept. Psychology  
Keene State College  
[Lwelkowi@Keene.edu](mailto:Lwelkowi@Keene.edu)

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**10 Maple Street  
Derry, New Hampshire 03038**

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 29, 2021

Representative Al Baldasaro  
House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee

**RE: HB 112 – An Act Establishing a Committee to Study the Effects of Deportation of Primary Earners on Family Members Who Are United States Citizens**

Dear Rep. Baldasaro and Members of the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee:

I am submitting written testimony in support of the establishment of a study committee. I am a retired legal services attorney who has worked with immigrant families for most of my legal career. I have seen first-hand the consequences that deportation of a family member has on the well-being of families in New Hampshire including those with U.S. citizen children. I have worked with several clients who fell into extreme poverty and became homeless after their spouses were sent back to their home countries. Their children's lives were disrupted in so many ways and one wonders if they will ever truly recover from the trauma and other consequences of the loss.

Of the 87, 055 immigrants residing in our state, approximately 14,660 are undocumented.<sup>1</sup> They are contributing members of New Hampshire's economy and quality of life and are our friends, neighbors and loved ones. The latest data shows that undocumented immigrants in New Hampshire paid \$77M in taxes (\$18.6M in state and local taxes and \$58.4M in federal taxes).<sup>2</sup>

It is also important to note that being unlawfully present is a federal civil law violation, not a crime. Although it is a federal misdemeanor to enter the United States without permission, the majority of people unlawfully present in the U.S. are those who entered with a visa and remained after the visa expired.<sup>3</sup> Almost all immigration law violations are processed through civil administrative law procedures and are not or cannot be prosecuted in criminal court.

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<sup>1</sup> New American Economy (2021) available at <https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/new-hampshire/>  
<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> “[T]he majority of illegal immigration is attributable to persons who overstay their visa versus those who cross the border without a proper entry process and inspection.” Andrea Page, “*Visa Overstays Exceed Illegal Border Crossings for Seventh Year in a Row*,” Homeland Security Digital Library, Jan. 17, 2019, available at: <https://www.hsdl.org/c/visa-overstays-exceed-illegal-border-crossings-for-seventh-year-in-a-row/>

Many studies have been conducted on the harm to families caused by deportation of a family member. The Kaiser Family Foundation's 2018 study listed seven devastating impacts to families:

- Sudden and severe financial hardship
- Disruption to children's routines and relationships
- Extreme stress, anxiety and depression
- Abrupt declines in school performance
- Fear of accessing public programs
- Gaps in supports and resources
- Fear and uncertainty for the future<sup>4</sup>

The financial harm encompasses all aspects of a family's life including housing instability and food insecurity. Much of the psychological harm goes untreated and school performance issues are not adequately addressed. Older children may end up leaving school to help support the family.<sup>5</sup>

Communities also suffer. Families may be forced to seek public assistance. Their feelings of safety and trust in community institutions, particularly law enforcement entities, decrease and participation in community life also diminishes. All of these consequences are exacerbated during the pandemic and may have public health consequences as well.

For these reasons, I urge passage of this bill and the establishment of a study committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christine C. Wellington

Cc: Sponsors – Reps. Klein-Knight, Wazir, Massimila

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<sup>4</sup> Samantha Artiga and Barbara Lyons, *Family Consequences of Detention/Deportation: Effects on Finances, Health and Well-being*, Kaiser Family Foundation Issue Brief (Sept. 2018) available at <https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/issue-brief/family-consequences-of-detention-deportation-effects-on-finances-health-and-well-being/>.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* See also, *Statement on the Effects of Forced Separation and Deportation on Immigrants, Their Families and Communities*, *Am J Community Psychol* (2018) 62:3-12 available at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/ajcp.12256>.



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Mary Ellen Foley RSM, Manchester, NH 03102

**Granite State Organizing Project Testimony on HB 112** and the establishment of a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

Good Morning. My name is Sarah Jane Knoy. I am here today representing the Granite State Organizing Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 112.

Granite State Organizing Project is a faith based organization working with religious communities all across New Hampshire. Our work is guided by our shared faith and democratic values; since early 2017, we have been convening diverse faith leaders, congregations and communities to support New Hampshire immigrant families threatened by, or, impacted by deportation of a loved one

As committee members may know, when families are in crisis and cannot receive aid from government sources, or when government sources are insufficient, many turn to the faith community for support. The many faiths engaged in the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network include Catholic & Episcopal parishes, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, UCC, Unitarian Universalist, Jewish and Buddhist communities from every county in the state. All of these communities have been called upon to support U.S. citizens who have been impoverished by the deportation of family member. Faith communities have paid rent, utility bills, legal fees and more in the crisis caused by deportation.

Faith communities in general do not have budgets for this type of aid to individuals. Helping a family in crisis often means a cut in another program or a personal donation by the pastor or a congregation member. Moreover, it is certainly not sustainable. We believe a study of the costs of deportation of family members of US citizens will reveal important information and enable better policy making in our state.

I request that the committee support HB 112. Thank you.

Bill as  
Introduced

HB 112 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **112**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

SPONSORS: Rep. Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Rep. Wazir, Merr. 17; Rep. Bouchard, Hills. 11; Rep. Massimilla, Graf. 1

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the effects of deportation of  
2 primary earners on family members who are United States citizens.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.

7            (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          3 Duties. The committee shall study the effects of deportation of primary income providers on  
11 family members who are United States citizens. The study shall include consideration of the  
12 economic and sociological impact of the policy, its effect on the community generally, and its effect on  
13 the physical and mental health of the individuals involved. The committee may solicit information  
14 and testimony from any individual or entity the committee deems relevant to its study.

15          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
16 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
17 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
18 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

19          5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
20 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
21 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2021.

22          6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.