

# Bill as Introduced

HB 542 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0726  
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HOUSE BILL

**542**

AN ACT

relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4; Rep. O'Hara, Belk. 9

COMMITTEE:

Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall not apply to houses of worship.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

AN ACT relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.

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

1           1 Legislative Finding. If not checked, governments may trample on religious exercise by  
2 crafting generally applicable laws which do not explicitly target a religion or religious activity. The  
3 fact that a law is generally applicable does not mean that it complies with the federal or state free  
4 exercise clauses. As the United States Supreme Court has said, the “constitutional rights of those  
5 spreading their religious beliefs through the spoken and printed word are not to be gauged by  
6 standards governing retailers or wholesalers of books.” *Murdock v. Com. of Pennsylvania*, 319 U.S.  
7 105, 111 (1943).

8           2 New Paragraph; State of Emergency Declaration; Powers; Application to Houses of Worship  
9 Limited. Amend RSA 4:45 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

10           IV. To guarantee the free exercise of religion and right of the people to peaceably assemble,  
11 as required by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Part I, Article 5 of the  
12 New Hampshire constitution, any powers activated pursuant to a state of emergency shall not  
13 prohibit in-person gatherings at established houses of worship, such as churches, monasteries,  
14 mosques, shrines, synagogues, or temples, or temporary places of worship, such as a home bible  
15 study or other religious worship or study group or venue.

16           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 542 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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4 PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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Approved: August 10, 2021  
Effective Date: October 09, 2021

# Amendments

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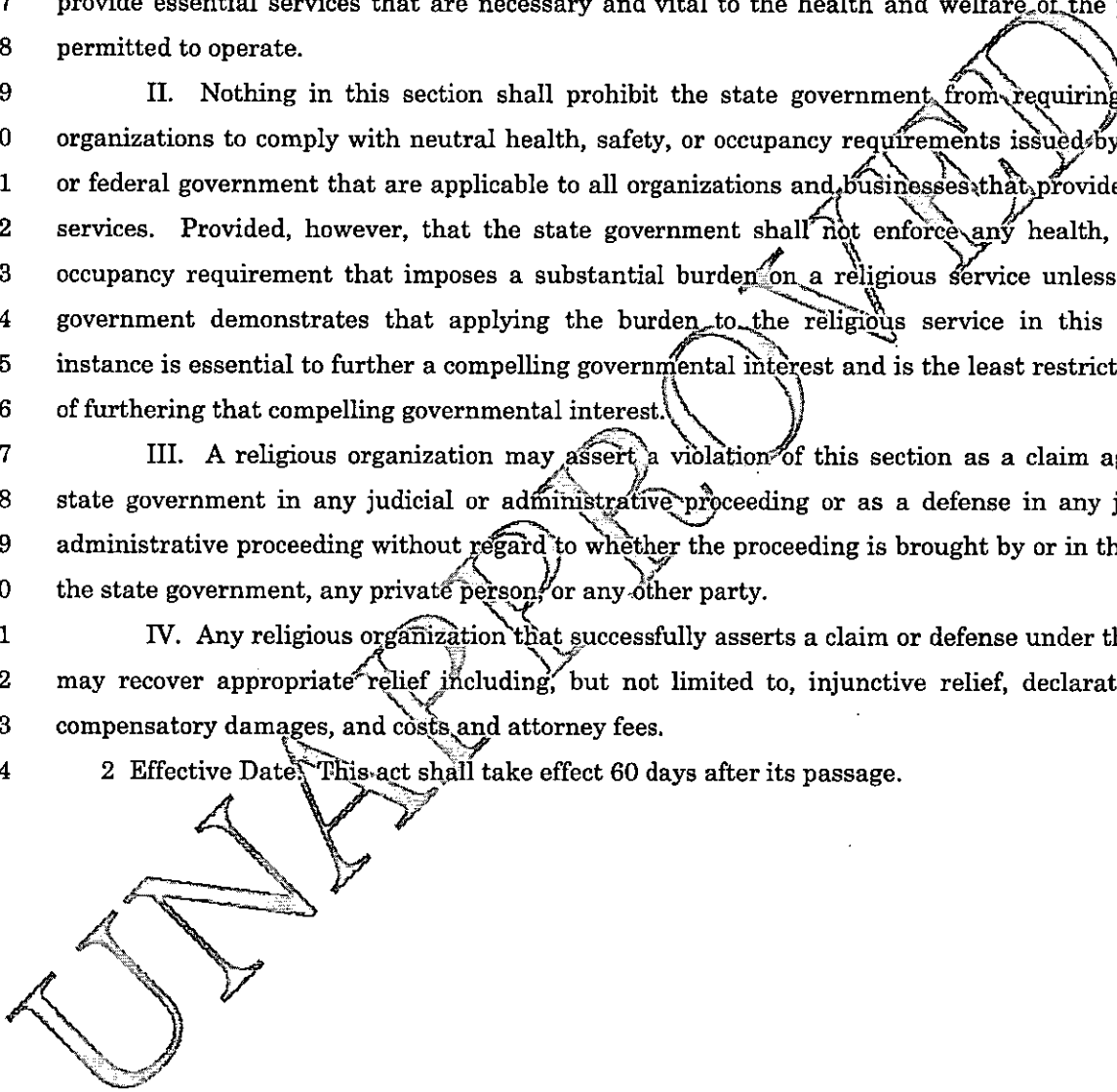
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# Committee Minutes

# SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

## Judiciary

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair  
Sen Bill Gannon, Vice Chair  
Sen Harold French, Member  
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member  
Sen Jay Kahn, Member

Date: May 6, 2021

### HEARINGS

	Tuesday	05/11/2021
	(Day)	(Date)
Judiciary	REMOTE	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m.	HB 539	relative to records of communications common carriers.
1:15 p.m.	HB 566	relative to the discussion and disclosure of minutes from a nonpublic session under the right-to-know law.
1:30 p.m.	HB 232	relative to nonpublic sessions under the right to know law.
1:45 p.m.	HB 236	creating a statute of limitation on civil actions relative to damage caused by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
2:00 p.m.	HB 440	prohibiting the suspension of civil liberties during a state of emergency.
2:15 p.m.	HB 542	relative to the protection of religious liberty.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**Sponsors:**

**HB 539**

Rep. Yokela

**HB 566**

Rep. Yokela

Rep. Yakubovich

**HB 232**

Rep. Hough

Rep. Comtois

Rep. O'Hara

Rep. Binford

Rep. Johnson

Rep. Bordes

Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Sylvia

Rep. Trottier

**HB 236**

Rep. Vail

Rep. Mullen

Rep. M. Murray

Rep. Chase

Rep. Mooney

Rep. Labranche

Rep. Healey

Rep. Meuse

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

**HB 440**

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Rep. Nunez

Sen. Avard

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Sharon M Carson  
Chairman

# Senate Judiciary Committee

*Jennifer Horgan 271-7875*

HB 542, relative to the protection of religious liberty.

**Hearing Date:** May 11, 2021

**Time Opened:** 3:28 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 4:34 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Carson, Gannon, French, Whitley and Kahn

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall not apply to houses of worship and provides that the state shall not substantially burden a person's right to the free exercise of religion unless doing so is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Ammon

Rep. Kofalt

Rep. O'Hara

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**Who supports the bill:** 292 people signed up in support of the bill. Full sign in sheet available upon request.

**Who opposes the bill:** 208 people signed up in opposition to the bill. Full sign in sheet available upon request.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** 2 people signed in neutrally on the bill. Full sign in sheet available upon request.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Ammon**

- Religious liberty is a keystone to a free society.
- Through the reaction to the pandemic there was a situation where churches were closed, but the hardware store, grocery store, and liquor store remained open.
- This bill ensures that the government treats religious services as just as essential as a grocery store.
- This bill does not prevent the state government from putting capacity restrictions or mask requirements on houses of worship, just as it would on other businesses.
- The bill also ensures that religious liberty is protected especially during a time of emergency.

- The Mack decision by the NH Supreme Court in December of 2020 affirmed NH's free exercise clause as being broadly determined.
- That decision provides more rights than the US Supreme Court interpreted the free exercise clause to give and the first amendment of the federal constitution.
- This bill puts into statute what is already the law of the land based on the Mack decision.
- The Mack decision says that in cases affecting practice, NH courts have to apply the free exercise clause.
- If the government has a compelling interest in a state of emergency or a time of war, it can further that compelling interest as long as it does it in the least restrictive manner with the least restrictive means.
- Has heard opposition to this saying that protecting religious liberty in the courts would cause chaos, but this is already the law of the land based on Mack.
- Do not currently see people running red lights and claiming it is in the name of religion.
- Houses of worship and communities of faith are essential to spiritual, mental, and physical health during an emergency.

**Ian Huyett (Cornerstone) (provided written testimony)**

- This bill codifies NH's laws regarding religious practice and religious organizations.
- State v. Mack reads 'under Part I, Article 5, once an individual establishes that the government action substantially burdens his or her sincere religious practice, the burden shifts to the State to show both that the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest, and is narrowly tailored to meet that end.'
- That is the same test as codified in this bill and in religious freedom restoration act (RFRA) protections.
- Hypothetically, if the Committee struck everything in this bill except the statements that churches cannot be treated worse than other entities under states of emergency, it would be the exact same position as if the Committee did not amend the bill because these protections are already in the free exercise clause.
- Constitutional rights can exempt people from statutes that would otherwise be applicable, but the constitution says statutes can be rendered inapplicable in certain cases, i.e. ministerial exception.
- The NH Supreme Court has said that we do not have unqualified majority rule.
- In the past RFRA laws were very bipartisan and supported by the ACLU and Christian legal organizations, until Christians began to use these protections instead of other religious sects; then the ACLU changed their position.
- This bill reaffirms the Mack decision and adds in protections during a state of emergency.
- Senator French asked if there are 4300 recognized religions in the world.
  - Knows there are many different religions.

- Senator French asked if it would be difficult to exclude them all from the possibilities of what might occur under something like this.
  - This is a common argument against substantive free exercise protections. The Mack decision says, “The compelling state interest balancing test has proven to be a workable standard in free exercise cases.” This was decided last year, and we do not see people running red lights or selling marijuana claiming it is for religious reasons. This test was the law everywhere under federal constitutional law from 1943 to 1990. During that time Americans were not debating taxes under the guise of religion.
- Does not know about the case referenced that involved denying to serve an interracial couple. would be shocked to hear it was upheld by the court. Thinks that is a red herring.
- The Mack decision is not limited to only criminal cases. It says once government burdens religious practice the burden shifts to the state to show the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest.
- There is nothing Mack caving the decision to only individual persons as opposed to religious associations.
- Before the Smith decision, the free exercise clause protected associations, and it still does so under more recent cases where churches and religious entities have free exercise protections.
- The only real difference the DOJ pointed to between Mack and this bill is the definition, and that it is not limited to religious organizations.
- That can easily be fixed by placing the word ‘religious’ in the definition.
- If a secular business tried to appeal to these kinds of protections it would be a very weak case.

**Taigan Joos (Heritage Baptist Church)**

- Churches are an essential component of the wellbeing of the people of the state.
- When the pandemic hit and the church was not meeting in person, tried ministering as best they could.
- In person time cannot be duplicated with a screen.
- Does not understand why churches were not deemed as essential.
- The nation was founded partially on the idea of gathering freely based on religious views.
- When a church’s constitutional freedom to assemble was cast aside that was troubling.
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn v Cuomo case said “The only explanation for treating religious places differently seems to be a judgement that what happens there just isn’t as “essential” as what happens in secular spaces...It is past time to make plain that while the pandemic poses many grave challenges there is no world in which the constitution tolerates color coded executive edicts that re-open liquor stores and bike shops but shuts churches, synagogues, and mosques.”

**Nate Pickowicz (Harvest Bible Church)**

- Echoes Paster Joos' testimony.
- Shared how he ministered during the pandemic and the challenges of that.
- Primary issue is to be able to worship with a free conscience.
- To be able to go to Lowes and not church struck his personal conscience.
- Churches were discriminated against during the shutdown.
- Churches provide value to people and help them in times of crisis.
- A friend's parishioners committed suicide and the friend was very limited in how he could minister to that family.

**Peter Chamberland (Granite State Baptist Church)**

- It is not just physical needs of people that need to be met.
- Ministers to those who are addicted and in recovery.
- In asking them how their mental health has been doing, not one has said it has improved.
- The opportunity to be able to meet in person should not be infringed upon inside places of worship.
- The ministry and purpose of churches and places of worship is not to just go out into the community.
- The very meaning of the word church is an assembly, and an assembly is not something that is done effectively over a screen.
- Churches and places of worship are mentioned in the constitutions and Home Depot and the liquor store are not.
- Is not looking to discriminate against people with this bill.
- Does not believe someone is a true minister if they are knowingly putting people in harms way.
- Does not know any minister that would disregard the safeguards.

**Jimmy Anan (Elevate Church)**

- Believes the chaos we are seeing in the country in part is because the church has been told they are not essential.
- There have been record rates of depression, suicide, substance abuse, domestic issues, etc.
- This is a snapshot of what our nation would look like without the influence of the church.
- People are not meant to live in isolation.
- Shared the story of a parishioner who overcame his alcohol addiction and shared that not being able to go to church this past year nearly killed that parishioner.
- Senator French asked if the church was ordered to shut down or just limit the amount of participation.
  - Believes at the beginning of the last year it was ordered to shut down.
- Senator French asked how they were notified of that.
  - Believes the government sent them a notice.
- Senator French asked when they were allowed to re-open.
  - Believes that it was last June.

**Neil Hubacker (Cornerstone)**

- There are approximately 200 churches in NH that went to great lengths during the pandemic to minister to and meet the needs of the community.
- Harvest Christian Fellowship served 43 tons of food to their community.
- Churches' contributions are absolutely essential.

**Kevin Twombly (Restoration FourSquare Church)**

- Shared how he served his community during the shutdown.
- Often had to loosely interpret guidelines to care for the mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of the community.
- Being digital only isolates and exacerbates issues of loneliness, depression, and substance misuse.
- When guidelines for re-opening were rolled out, the church was sidelined for much of that timing.
- Re-entered the building in July and have followed the safeguards. There has been no spread over the past 10 months from the services.
- Protecting free exercise rights is vital to our community at large.

**Victoria Gulla**

- Cornerstone had to go to the Governor a few weeks ago to get the occupancies lifted from the churches, even though they had been lifted for other entities.
- The legislature and the governor do not have the power to take away inalienable rights.
- Over the weekend in Canada, a minister was arrested on the highway for holding services.
- This bill is a reminder to modern day people that there is a right to assemble in churches.
- Churches increase happiness which boosts immunity.

**Mark Warren**

- Spoke to the importance of prayer and the gathering of houses of worship.
- Read the Governor's recent proclamation speaking to the importance of prayer.
- Spoke of how his church ministered to the community during the shutdown.
- In a time of trouble and distress there is something about gathering and praying together.
- Has been following the guidelines and they have not experienced any transmission.
- The church is critical, and spiritual practices are vital to mental health.
- Senator French asked how long they were shut down for.
  - Believes it was from the end of March to the end of July.

**Honorable Bob Clegg**

- Asks that when the Committee is looking at this bill to not do anything to make it divisive.
- Everyone that lives in NH is the same group of people regardless of color or orientation or anything else.
- We need to fix this, as people have the right to assemble even during a pandemic.



- This is about everyone's rights.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:**

**Gilles Bissonnette (ACLU) (provided written testimony)**

- These types of bills are generally referred to as religious freedom restoration acts (RFRA).
- This bill is not limited to this narrow issue or states of emergency.
- The bill would undermine NH's law against discrimination (RSA 354-A), giving businesses license to use religion to engage in discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other classes.
- This bill would undermine HB1319, which was the bipartisan bill in 2018 to protect transgender individuals from discrimination in public accommodations and other contexts.
- This bill contains two provisions that are is designed to allow a business to discriminate against a person despite RSA 354-A.
- Page 3, lines 6-7 gives anyone the right to argue that they do not have to follow state or federal laws including basic civil rights laws under the notion that following those laws would violate religious rights.
- This is because the definition is quite broad and includes associations, partnerships, and corporations.
- Page 4, line 9-12 allows for-profit businesses, employees, and individuals to assert a legal defense of free exercise of religion in a legal proceeding regardless of whether the government is a party to the proceeding.
- A wave of these bills occurred the country 4-5 years ago.
- This language is similar to SB1062 (2014) from Arizona that was vetoed after significant backlash.
- In 2015 a similar bill was enacted in Indiana and it was subsequently rolled back.
- Senator Whitley asked if there was significant backlash from the business community with the passage of the bills in Arizona and Indiana.
  - Absolutely.
- Senator Whitley asked what the basis of that backlash was.
  - They did not want to support or continue operations in a state that allowed for discrimination in public accommodations. They were also likely concerned about potentially subjecting themselves to litigation. If an employee decides to discriminate using religion as a basis to do so, the business could not take significant action against that employee or risk litigation. The backlash was swift in both states. Seen a resurgence of these bills in the past six months or so.
- Senator Carson about the waiving of qualified immunity for sovereign, governmental entities on page 5, line 8.
  - Would have to ask the drafters what they are trying to get at there. Suspects it is designed to create a cause of action that monetary damages

could be imposed in the event that an individual thinks a government agent, or the government violated their religious liberties.

### **JJ Smith**

- His congregation shut down entirely last spring and is just about to re-open.
- A religious gathering is not at all like going to the grocery store.
- When you are in a religious gathering, you may be singing or speaking loudly.
- Thinks it was reasonable to put restrictions on religious gatherings.
- Religious gatherings have been a major source of spread.
- Does not recall ever being told that they had to shut down, just to limit to 10 people and to keep masks on.
- Does not see the justification for not treating religious gatherings as seriously as nursing homes.
- People need to think twice about saying this is a religious freedom issue.
- It is not saying people cannot express their religion, just that there cannot be close gatherings of people.
- The right of assembly is a religious right and a political one, and those things should not be overly burdened.
- This bill is misguided.

### **Chris Erchull (GLADD) (provided written testimony)**

- Has no position on the emergency restrictions or the most favored nation portion of the bill.
- The bill would unravel decades of civil rights advances with respect to the LGBTQ community.
- Legislation like this has been frequently applied to override non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people.
- We must not move backwards on the protections of these rights.
- The ACLU changed its position on RFRA protections because they started being used to subvert anti-discrimination laws.
- The Mack decision has little to do with this bill as it was about criminalizing religious exercise and did not address the religious views of businesses.
- This bill is extremely broad and invites discriminatory acts including the firing of a transgender woman because she wants to wear a women's uniform at work or denying wedding related services to a couple because they are a same sex couple.
- Even intentional harassment by teacher of LGBTQ students is a real-life example of this.
- LGBTQ people are our colleagues, teachers, volunteers, classmates, neighbors, healthcare providers, and more and when we ensure equal opportunity to LGBTQ people, we are strengthening the whole community.
- The bill suggests people and businesses can collect attorney fees from the state if the state is enforcing non-discrimination laws against them.
- LGBTQ people are people of faith just like anyone else, and this bill pits parts of the community against one another.

- Senator Whitley asked how this has been used to discriminate against the LGBTQ community.
  - There are examples of this being used to discriminate against LGBTQ people. Recently though, there was an example in Mississippi at a non-religiously affiliated event space where a biracial couple approached the facility to have their wedding there. They were told that the employee's religious views did not permit them to host a wedding for an interracial couple. The US Supreme Court's Bostock decision dealt with whether Title 7 protects the rights of transgender and gay people in the workplace. At the 6<sup>th</sup> circuit level one of the parties had raised a RFRA defense. That case was resolved against the employer, but for very fact specific reasons after a lengthy court battle.

**Louise Spencer**

- Thinks meeting the needs of congregants is an important thing to balance moving forward.
- Echoes the testimony of Mr. Bissonette and Mr. Locke.
- A constitution is a balancing act and there are many critically important rights in the constitution.
- This bill seems to elevate one right above other important rights.
- The Mack decision provided a strong set of protections.
- Given the pitfalls of the second section of the bill it would be wise to remove it.
- Senator Kahn asked her to clarify which sections she thinks need to be removed.
  - The issue is the broad definitions in 546-C:1 and with 546-C:2.

**Zandra Rice Hawkins (Granite State Progress)**

- Echoes testimony of Mr. Erchull.
- This will essentially be a license to discriminate against people.
- Some of the language in this bill draws heavily from SB1062 in Arizona.
- After that bill passed in the lower chamber, a large bipartisan group called on Governor Jan Brewer to veto the bill, which she did, but not before AZ became known for its attempts to allow businesses and people to openly discriminate against others.
- That is not a reputation we want for NH.

**Neutral Information Presented:**

**Sean Locke (Attorney General's Office)**

- The broad definitions in the bill may have significant unintended consequences.
- Recognizes the importance of the free exercise of religion and respects the importance of churches and ministerial services.
- In 1990 the US Supreme Court decision changed the free exercise analysis from one of strict scrutiny to one where generally law could be applied against those engaging in religious practices in *Employment v. Smith*.
- *Employment v. Smith* dealt with consumption of peyote by Native American religious practitioners.

- In response, Congress passed the first religious freedom restoration act (RFRA) in 1993, reimplementing strict scrutiny for the standard.
- 20-25 states have enacted RFRA laws.
- NH has not enacted a RFRA statute.
- Last year, in *State v. Mack* the NH supreme court adopted a strict scrutiny balancing test to apply to government actions regarding religious activity.
- The definitions in this bill go beyond the considerations of *Mack* or what the federal RFRA statutes protect.
- The definition of ‘person’ includes, ‘any individual, association, partnership, corporation, church, religious institution, estate, trust, foundation, or other legal entity.’
- This covers organizations that are not affiliated with or are religious institutions.
- This definition of ‘person’ has appeared in proposed RFRAs since 2014-2015 coinciding with the legalization of same sex marriage.
- This broad definition of ‘person’ will allow secular businesses and services to cite religious beliefs and evade compliance with the state’s anti-discrimination laws.
- This definition could also prevent state and private individuals from enforcing their rights against secular landlords who cite religious beliefs and refuse to rent to unmarried couples or an LGBTQ individual, or a secular crisis counselor refusing to help a transgender individual seeking support.
- These issues have happened in other parts of the country citing similar laws.
- Similar pieces of legislation have been protested and amended or vetoed around the country, in places like Arizona, Indiana, and Arkansas.
- Currently, RSA 354-A exempts houses of worship and religiously affiliated organizations from compliance with the state’s anti-discrimination laws.
- This bill takes this further and would extend that exemption to all individuals and businesses regardless to whether they are religious or secular.
- This bill would undermine the state’s ability to prevent discrimination and harm the state’s reputation as a welcoming location to live, work, and raise a family.
- Senator Kahn asked if currently courts apply strict scrutiny to cases regarding religious freedom.
  - Yes, under *Mack* that is the test they adopted. This definition of ‘person’ is the core concern. The issue in *Mack* was the possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms as part of a religious practice, similar to the US supreme court decision in *Smith*; it dealt with the criminalization of things that are a part of religious practices.

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Klemme, William and Janet	wklemme@gmail.com	603.875.5854	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 10:31 AM

Raspiller, Cindy	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:31 AM
Brown, Howard	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:33 AM
Rounds, Cheryl	blissfullyhealthy@gmail.com	603.548.0415	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 10:33 AM
Brown, William	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:34 AM
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Brown, Morgan	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:35 AM
Moccia, Lianne	lianne.moccia@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:39 AM
Cahill, Kathy	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 10:39 AM
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Ferrari, Angela	angelaFerrari84@gmail.com	603.769.0439	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 10:44 AM
Reno, Gail	gailwre@yahoo.com	508.579.1859	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 9:29 AM
Reno, Roy	renoroy3@gmail.com	508.579.1760	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 9:31 AM
Raff, Alan	araff9@gmail.com	603.714.0258	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 9:33 AM
Dion, Patricia	mrsdion@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 9:34 AM
Kruger, Eleanore	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 9:39 AM
Karlsen, Brian	bkkarlsen@hotmail.com	603.762.6088	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 9:40 AM
Smith, Jeffrey	CJSmith78@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 9:42 AM
Spaulding, Judith	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 10:18 PM
Martin, Jeanne	jeanne-martin@hotmail.com	603.493.2961	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 10:19 PM
Taranov, Tatiana	immstrategy@yahoo.com	617.943.7453	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 10:31 PM
Cohen, Paul	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 10:33 PM
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See, Alvin	absee@4Liberty.net	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 10:54 PM
Mares, Daniel	AudioAlive@yahoo.com	603.458.5574	A Member of the Public	Myself and 3 other voters in my family.	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 10:57 PM
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Reardon, John	Not Given	603-224-8151	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 7:07 AM
CORNELL, PATTY	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 7:16 AM
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Genus, Francis	trainsofthoughtcollide@yahoo.com	17325853291	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 7:30 AM
Clough, Holly	Hollycarissa@yahoo.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/11/2021 7:30 AM
Montminy, Sandra	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/7/2021 8:34 PM
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Koch, Laurie	kochlj@aol.com	603.491.2000	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/8/2021 11:07 AM
Forrester, Clare	Claresmillie@hotmail.com	406.461.1375	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/7/2021 4:08 PM
Davis, Helena	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/8/2021 9:03 AM
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Hatcher, Phil	phil.hatcher@gmail.com	603.988.8034	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/8/2021 11:49 AM
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Torpey, Jeanne	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/9/2021 2:33 PM
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Anastasia, Patricia	patti.anastasia@gmail.com	603.818.9991	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 9:36 PM
Foley Arseneau, Dorothy	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 9:39 PM
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Cormier, Maurice	pastor.moe@loudoncongregational.org	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 9:53 PM		
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Davis, Greg	glospreys@comcast.net	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 10:08 PM		
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Lipman, Denis	denisklipman@gmail.com	603.319.8852	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 11:30 PM		
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Cote, Lois	lcote06@outlook.com	16036275445	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/11/2021 9:27 AM		
Robertson, Doreen	valleylib@gmail.com	603.588.2103	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 1:20 PM		
Bauer, Dorothy	dottiebauer@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 4:32 PM		
Berger, Lisa	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:06 PM		
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Guyen, Taci	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:26 PM		
Imran, Mazahir	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:28 PM		
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Dunlap, Elisabeth	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:34 PM
Mirzoeff, Joseph	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:35 PM
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Owens, Kimberly	tiptoeskst@gmail.com	843.568.3144	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:37 PM
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Tran, Vuong	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 5:39 PM
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Moore, Jenai	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	5/10/2021 11:20 PM
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Rasmussen, Elissa	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 2:38 PM
Defuria, Claudia	gregs999@aol.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	5/10/2021 2:45 PM
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# Testimony

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Julie Ledoux <jbizzbuzz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:52 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** SUPPORT: HB 625, HB 542, HB 440

To the Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

We ask you to vote in favor of

HB 625 The Late Term Abortion Ban  
HB 542 The Religious Liberty Act  
HB 440 The Civil Liberties Defense Act

All of which protect the fundamental and cherished rights of New Hampshire citizens and are in alignment with our constitution.

The alarming reality of executive tyranny and government encroachment upon the freedoms of our citizens here in New Hampshire, as well as the shocking lack of protection for children with in only days of birth, must be addressed with legislation that ensures all of off our basic rights such as the right life, liberty, and free exercise of religion.

Selectman Mark Le Doux  
Julie Le Doux  
Hollis, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** NE CRIMINAL RESEARCH <technoman5@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 5:56 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** BILLS FOR REVIEW

Greetings Senators,

Please give your full support to HB 625, 542 and 440 as they come to you for review. The intent and content of these three bills will benefit ALL New Hampshire residents including the unborn, most defenseless among us.

Sincerely,  
Stephen R Catman  
16 Cutler Rd  
Litchfield

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Ken Seitz <kens6261@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A

Attention Judiciary Committee,

Please vote in favor of HB 542-A.

Thank you,

Lillian Seitz



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** DAVE KONIECZNY <mjororke2014@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:26 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A The Religious Liberty Act

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please vote in favor of HB 542-A, thank you.

Respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. David Konieczny

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Anthony Duris <anthony.duris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** Becky Whitley; Harold French; Jay Kahn; Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Vote Yes for HB542-A The Religious Liberty Act

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 542–A. Please note that, in addition to codifying the general *Mack* protections that were contained in the original HB 440, the amendment removes bill language that referred to “temporary places of worship, such as a home bible study [etc].” The remaining original language can now be found in 546-C:3, I of the amendment.

By incorporating the original HB 440 language, the amendment also helps to add clarity to the original text of the bill. Note, for example, that 546-C:3, III clarifies both of the preceding paragraphs by saying that “[n]othing in this section shall prohibit the state government from requiring religious organizations to comply with neutral health, safety, or occupancy requirements” provided the *Mack* test is satisfied.

As amended, this bill will do two things. First, the bill will protect churches from being treated worse than other essential services. For example, the bill would prohibit churches from being totally closed by the government when services such as grocery stores and hospitals are still operating. To religious people around the world, religious communities are of fundamental and eternal importance. Our federal and state constitutions appropriately provide unique protections for religious exercise that are not accorded to other kinds of activities and organizations. Additionally, to close churches while permitting other essential services to operate would mean taking the position that the beliefs of those churches are false. This is not the government’s role.

Importantly, this does not mean that the government cannot impose neutral capacity restrictions, mask mandates, or other kinds of rules that affect churches. Although any restriction that substantially burdens religious exercise could be subject to a *Mack*-type challenge, that is already the law in New Hampshire under the *Mack* decision.

This brings me to the second purpose of the bill as amended. The bill codifies the result of the New Hampshire Supreme Court’s *Mack* decision in state statute. If there is any doubt about what *Mack* actually held, I refer you to page 19 of that decision as linked below. There, the Court explained the holding simply: “[U]nder Part I, Article 5, once an individual establishes that the government action substantially burdens his or her sincere religious practice... the burden shifts to the State to show both that the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest, and is narrowly tailored to meet that end.” *State v. Mack*, 2020 N.H. LEXIS 206, \*42. Compare this to the language in 546-C:2, I of the amendment. It is exactly the same protection.

One common objection to the free exercise of religion is the idea that it will somehow make every person a “law unto himself” and allow people to nullify all kinds of ordinary laws at will.

But this is not borne out by the facts. The New Hampshire Supreme Court agrees: on page 21 of *Mack* as linked below, the Court said “[t]he compelling state interest balancing test has proven to be a workable standard in free exercise cases.” *Id.* at \*45. In fact, religious exercise was accorded protections of this kind *everywhere* in the United States, under federal constitutional law, from 1943 until 1990. This did not mean that Americans were allowed to evade taxes, run red lights at will, and so on under the guise of religion.

The evidence shows that free exercise rights *do not* lead to courts being beset with frivolous or bogus claims. In a 1963 U.S. Supreme Court case, a government entity argued that free exercise rights would lead to the “filing of fraudulent claims by unscrupulous claimants feigning religious objections.” *Sherbert v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398, 407 (1963). The Supreme Court rejected this argument, saying: “there is no proof whatever to warrant such fears of malingering or deceit as those which the respondents now advance.” At least two factors likely help explain this: 1) there are deterrents which dissuade many lawyers from bringing frivolous or other bad faith claims, and 2) many judges are capable of detecting and disposing of frivolous claims. And, in any case, the *Mack* test has already been the law in New Hampshire for over two months. In that time, we have not seen it cause chaos in the streets.

Thank you,

Anthony Duris  
Londonderry, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Trudy Mott-Smith <wmottsm@worldpath.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:08 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear Chairperson Carson and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

HB 542 is called a bill protecting religious liberty, and it may do that in many cases that arise under it. But the NH Constitution does that perfectly well without the passage of HB 542.

HB 542 is too broadly written and therefore **should be voted ITL**.

By "too broadly written", I mean that it invites religious-exemption-based lawsuits challenging any law, regulation, government action, or decision that an individual sees as conflicting with their religious exercise. These lawsuits would clog the courts and cost taxpayer money.

More important: it threatens the effectiveness of the State's non-discrimination laws. For example, it would allow any business viewing hiring employees without reference to their gender preference as conflicting with its religious exercise to avoid doing so.

Sincerely,  
Wiltrud R. Mott-Smith  
91 Kenney Road  
Loudon, NH 03307  
603-267-7566

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Bruce Goodwin <jesse1848@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:04 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A

Hello, I write to urge you to vote in favor of HB 542-A. Thank you, Bruce Goodwin & Family

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Elaine Ferguson <elaineatwill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 4:46 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support HB542

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,  
Please vote in favor of this Religious Liberty Act HB542A. Please respond -I live in Wolfeboro NH.  
Sincerely,  
Elaine Ferguson

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** F. Pool <flisnh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:20 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542

Please take an ITL position on HB542.

This bill is about using religion to discriminate and harm others.

This bill would undermine New Hampshire's anti-discrimination protections and give businesses and their employees a license to discriminate, arguing that they do not have to follow state or local laws—including basic civil rights laws related to employment, housing, and public accommodations. It would allow private individuals and businesses to assert religious beliefs in a way that could lead to discrimination against gay and transgender Granite Staters, and potentially anyone who does not share their beliefs or religious practices. Where I worship every Sunday, that's NOT what we're trying to do.

F M Pool  
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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Laura Hegfield <laurahegfield@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542 vote NO

Dear Committee Members,

This bill is dangerous, it is a direct threat to the bipartisan progress made in NH to protect Granite Staters from discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The NH legislature has made momentous bipartisan progress on Trans lived equality in recent years, and this bill flies in the face of that.

Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights. That is why it is protected in both the NH and U.S. Constitutions. These Constitutions protect not only the right to believe (or not to believe), but also the right to express our religious beliefs. But HB542 is not about protecting the right to believe. Rather, it is about using religion to discriminate and potentially harm others. This bill is not about freedom of religion, it is about providing legal cover to discriminate. This bill is bad for NH.

Laura Hegfield  
Amherst, NH



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Laura <laurarun45@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony HR 542

I wish to express my opposition to HR 542. My husband is black and I am white. If not for the supreme court's Loving decision, I am sure there would still be people who would try to refuse us service in the name of their religious beliefs.

If we allow discrimination due to so called religious beliefs where will this end? As a business owner could I deny service to a Jew because I'm Christian? If I am a Muslim business owner, could I turn away a Christian?

Discrimination should not be tolerated no matter how it is cloaked in the name of religious freedom.

Sent from my iPhone

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Russell Payne <19riderlee36@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 5:56 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; %20William.Gannon@leg.state.nh.us; %  
20Harold.French@leg.state.nh.us; %20Becky.Whitley@leg.state.nh.us; %  
20Jay.Kahn@leg.state.nh.us; %20jennifer.horgan@leg.state.nh.us  
**Subject:** HB-542-A

Dear Chair Sharon Carson and Members of Senate Judiciary Committee:

I find it an honor and a privilege to stand against the tyranny of our time, the attack of religious liberty. It is a basic premise that undergirds the foundation of our liberty that the Bill of Rights lists as first in the First Amendment. All history has proved that "Freedom and morality are indivisible." Without religious liberty there is no liberty. So I urge you to be consistent with the law of the land which spells out your duty emphatically by our Founders who boldly challenged "would be dictators" of all future generations with the words, "Congress Shall make no law against these God given rights, the first of which is "Freedom of Religion." Simply put, a vote in support of HB 542-A is a vote consistent with the wisdom of our Founders. Those who vote against HB542-A stand with those power elite who want to destroy our liberty. Please vote to ensure that future generations will inherit the blessings of religious liberty as we have by voting for HB-542-A.

Sincerely & Respectfully

Russ Payne                    45 Coventry Ct, Merrimack , NH tel # 603-365-4966

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Anthony McManus <mcaidan73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** 542

This is a dangerous unnecessary piece of legislation designed to support discrimination in the name of religion. NH should have no part in this.

Sent from my iPad

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** David Blair <orionblair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:41 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write to ask you to vote "inexpedient to legislate" when HB 542 comes before you.

This bill presents itself as a "freedom of religion" bill. It is not. It is a bill that encourages discrimination against our neighbors based on their gender identity. This undermines the bipartisan protections that New Hampshire law has established to prevent discrimination, and I urge you to vote against it.

Sincerely,

David Blair  
Harrisville, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Alan Graustein <alangraustein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:30 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB5423

Please protect religious liberty by voting for HB542 as amended.

Thank you,

Alan Graustein  
Sanbornton, NH



# AMERICAN ATHEISTS

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May 10, 2021

The Honorable Sen. Sharon Carson  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
New Hampshire State Senate  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: OPPOSE HB 542, Testimony from American Atheists in opposition to a bill that would undermine religious equality in New Hampshire**

Dear Chairperson Carson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

American Atheists, on behalf of its constituents in New Hampshire, writes in opposition to HB 542, the so-called "New Hampshire religious liberty act." This dangerous legislation would undermine religious equality in New Hampshire, just as it has done in other states that have passed similar legislation. We strongly urge you to reject this harmful bill.

American Atheists is a national civil rights organization that works to achieve religious equality for all Americans by protecting what Thomas Jefferson called the "wall of separation" between government and religion created by the First Amendment. We strive to create an environment where atheism and atheists are accepted as members of our nation's communities and where casual bigotry against our community is seen as abhorrent and unacceptable. We promote understanding of atheists through education, outreach, and community-building and work to end the stigma associated with being an atheist in America. Religious liberty is an individual right guaranteed by the First Amendment, and American Atheists opposes efforts to misuse these constitutional protections to undermine the civil rights or religious freedom of others.

**1. Bills similar to HB 542 have been used to allow discrimination and harm in other states.**

HB 542 is an example of a RFRA (a common acronym for a "Religious Freedom Restoration Act"), a bill that provides that government action may only burden religious exercise if it meets a stringent legal test. In order to meet this test, the government must show that its action was intended to meet a compelling government interest and the action taken was narrowly tailored, meaning that no alternative method will not be as effective to meet the government's goal. This is the most difficult test that courts impose in constitutional law, and it is rarely met by the government.

While RFRA laws were originally introduced at the federal and state level to protect religious exercise, in recent years RFRA language has been used in ways its supporters and sponsors would never have imagined, such as trumping nondiscrimination, public health, and safety laws.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For example, in its decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, 573 US 682 (2014), the US Supreme Court relied upon the federal RFRA to both declare that certain types of businesses have religious freedom rights and that those rights

Religious liberty is guaranteed by both the US Constitution and the New Hampshire Constitution to protect individual beliefs. However, these protections do not create a special right for religious individuals and organizations to violate neutral laws or discriminate against groups they disfavor. HB 542 would, under the guise of religious freedom, create special exemptions to a range of neutral laws to privilege religious organizations at the expense of everyone else. For example, this bill would potentially allow individuals and organizations to evade nondiscrimination laws. In Virginia, for example, there have already been efforts to use the state's RFRA to overturn the recently passed Virginia Values Act, a state LGBTQ nondiscrimination law.<sup>2</sup> Passage of a RFRA in New Hampshire may also put at risk the state's strong nondiscrimination laws.

We oppose this bill because it violates the principle of religious equality, an essential component of religious freedom. Religious equality stands for the guiding and governing principle that one's religious identity should neither directly nor indirectly affect their civil rights under the law. This principle helped to shape both the First Amendment and the New Hampshire Constitution, which provides that "every person, denomination or sect shall be equally under the protection of the law; and no subordination of any one sect, denomination or persuasion to another shall ever be established."<sup>3</sup>

Instead of religious equality, this bill would establish a new principle – that religious people and organizations (only) may claim exemption from laws and policies that conflict with their beliefs. As Justice Antonin Scalia pointed out in his landmark *Employment Division v. Smith* opinion, such a principle would be "a constitutional anomaly."<sup>4</sup>

This bill is both dangerous and unnecessary. New Hampshire has existed for over 230 years without this provision, and there is no evidence that the religious freedom of New Hampshire's citizens has been routinely violated. Instead, religious liberty has historically been protected both through the First Amendment and through the New Hampshire Constitution. Instead, this bill would undermine those protections by compromising the very bedrock of religious freedom, the principles of religious equality and the separation of religion and government.

**2. HB 542 include language that will endanger public health by preventing the state from regulating religious organizations during states of emergency.**

In addition to the RFRA language in this bill, HB 542 contains language that would make it virtually impossible for the state to impose public health restrictions on religious organizations to save lives during emergencies.

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may take priority over the right of employees to receive benefits, in this case depriving the employees of contraceptive coverage.

<sup>2</sup> *Updegrave v. Herring*, 1:20-cv-01141-CMH-JFA, Defendant's Combined Opposition to Preliminary Injunction and Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss (E.D. Va. 2020). Available at <https://www.oag.state.va.us/files/2020/2020-11-16-Updegrave-Combined-Brief.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> N.H. Const. Pt. 1, Art. 6 (1784) (amended 1968 to remove obsolete sectarian references).

<sup>4</sup> *Employment Division, Department of Human Resources of Oregon v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872 (1990) (internal citations omitted).

While HB 542 may appear even-handed on its face, providing that the state “shall permit a religious organization to continue operating and to engage in religious services to the same or greater extent that other organizations or businesses that provide essential services that are necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public are permitted to operate,” in fact this bill would create special privileges for religious organizations that endanger others.

The language makes clear that no restriction may be placed on a religious organization during a state of emergency that is greater than a restriction placed on any essential service. Ultimately, this means that any exemption that applies to an essential service so that they can function during an emergency must be granted to religious organizations as well. If hospitals are allowed to remain open, churches must be allowed to remain open. If police are permitted to enter a quarantined area, then worshippers must be granted the same right. Creating formulaic rules like this, without context, is both untenable and dangerous.

While the bill ostensibly does not “prohibit the state government from requiring religious organizations to comply with neutral health, safety, or occupancy requirements issued by the state or federal government that are applicable to all organizations and businesses that provide essential services,” this provision does nothing to address the bill’s deficiencies. Special exemptions provided to essential services are always going to be context dependent – hospitals have different needs than grocery stores, for example – and therefore, they will never be “applicable to all organizations and businesses that provide essential services.”

Moreover, even if a requirement is equally applied, the state cannot impose these general requirements if the religious organizations object, because the bill limits their application if they place a “substantial burden on a religious service unless the state government demonstrates that applying the burden to the religious service in this particular instance is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.” As discussed above, this is an extremely difficult burden for the government to meet, and this rigid test will limit the ability of the state to effectively respond to emergencies.

**In fact, under this bill, churches will have more flexibility to defy state of emergency restrictions than even critical services like hospitals.**



This legislation threatens to radically rebalance state law to grant extraordinary privileges to organized religion, at the expense of everyone else. HB 542 would establish an across-the-board exemption that allows for religious discrimination by making religious exercise a state-favored class of activity. We urge New Hampshire lawmakers to hold to the principles of the NH Constitution and to reject this harmful legislation. If you should have any questions regarding American Atheists' opposition to HB 542, please contact me at 908.276.7300 x309 or by email at [agill@atheists.org](mailto:agill@atheists.org).

Sincerely,



Alison Gill, Esq.  
Vice President, Legal & Policy  
American Atheists

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** outlook\_35EE8A3148901D05@outlook.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:34 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A

Please support this bill and NH churches' right to freely assemble.

Thank you,  
Mark Clements

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Jessica Spillers <jspillers102@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 11:33 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** ITL HB542

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jessica Spillers; I'm a resident of Manchester, NH. I'm writing this committee to urge you all to ITL HB542. In short, this bill is far too broad and would allow employers and businesses to discriminate against gay and transgender people. It would open the door to intolerance and harmful practices in the name of "freedom of religion."

We have freedom of religion. It is written into both our national and state constitutions. HB542 is a gross manipulation of this right that only serves to suppress a minority population. I do not wish to be a part of this twisted morality and neither should this state. I urge this committee to ITL HB542 without hesitation. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Spillers

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Mrs Dion <mrsdion@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 11:48 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Cc:** T A Dion  
**Subject:** HB 542 as amended-As amended, relative to the protection of religious liberty aka the Religious Liberty Act

HB 542 as amended-As amended, relative to the protection of religious liberty aka the Religious Liberty Act

Hello, I would like to register with you my support for HB 542 as amended-As amended, relative to the protection of religious liberty aka the Religious Liberty Act .

The bill will protect churches from being treated worse than other essential services. For example, the bill would prohibit churches from being totally closed by the government when services such as grocery stores and hospitals are still operating. Religious communities are of fundamental and eternal importance. Our federal and state constitutions appropriately provide unique protections for religious exercise that are not accorded to other kinds of activities and organizations.

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One common objection to the free exercise of religion is the idea that it will somehow make every person a "law unto himself" and allow people to nullify all kinds of ordinary laws at will. But this is not borne out by the facts. The New Hampshire Supreme Court agrees: on page 21 of Mack as linked below, the Court said "[t]he compelling state interest balancing test has proven to be a workable standard in free exercise cases." Id. at \*45. In fact, religious exercise was accorded protections of this kind everywhere in the United States, under federal constitutional law, from 1943 until 1990.

This did not mean that Americans were allowed to evade taxes, run red lights at will, and so on under the guise of religion.

Best regards, Patricia Dion  
23 Cypress Rd., Milford, NH  
[mrsdion@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdion@gmail.com)  
603.672.2631

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** pastorjoos@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** hearing for HB 542

Hi, here is what I would like to say at tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you Madam Chairwoman and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for allowing me this opportunity to speak.

My name is Taigen Joos, and I am the pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Dover. I'm testifying in support of HB 542. I am thankful that this bill is coming before you today as it brings up a necessary point of discussion for all in political office: the essential nature of churches and other places of worship to the overall health, stability, and well-being of our cities and states.

Should churches be considered "essential" in times of state or national emergencies? Of course they should. Church leaders are an essential component of the well-being of the people of our state. There are tremendous spiritual and relational needs of our people, and churches are a large and vital segment of our society to help people in those areas. When the pandemic hit and our church was not meeting together each week, I did what I could to minister to our people. One thing that my family did was to bake cookies for every person in our assembly, and then go to every home and deliver them. This simple act provided us an opportunity to see our people, encourage them, and hear what they were struggling through. We found that this face-to-face time with them was so encouraging and needful for all. While all were thankful for the technology available to us, all agreed that "virtual church" is no substitute for the physical gathering together. We greatly missed it for those few months and were eager to return to it last summer. As a pastor, it was difficult for me to understand why some businesses were considered "essential" when churches were not. When the church's fundamental US Constitutional right to assemble and worship was seemingly cast aside, that was troubling to me. I do not dwell on the cynical, but there was the thought that perhaps money helped drive those decisions more than the real inner and spiritual needs of the people.

I encourage you to support this bill, and state that Churches and other places of worship must be considered essential for future times of emergency.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our great state. I am available for questions, if you wish.

Taigen Joos

*Taigen Joos*  
Heritage Baptist Church  
Dover, NH  
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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Doreen Robertson <valleylib@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542

Please vote no on HB542. Religion is not a license to discriminate.

Doreen Robertson  
Bennington

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** LWCC Prayer Chain (Nancy Davis) <lwccnh.prayer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 2:43 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Please vote for HB 542-A as amended

Nancy Davis  
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603-886-1819

Dear Ms. Horgan,

Thank you so much for all your work for our state. I deeply appreciate it.

I would like to register with you our support for HB 542-A as amended, relative to the protection of religious liberty aka the Religious Liberty Act. I believe that houses of worship provide essential services even during states of emergency.

The bill will protect churches from being treated worse than other essential services. For example, the bill would prohibit churches from being totally closed by the government when services such as grocery stores and hospitals are still operating. Religious communities are of fundamental and eternal importance. Our federal and state constitutions appropriately provide unique protections for religious exercise that are not accorded to other kinds of activities and organizations.

The bill codifies the result of the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Mack decision in state statute. If there is any doubt about what Mack actually held, I refer you to page 19 of that decision. There, the Court explained the holding simply: "[U]nder Part I, Article 5, once an individual establishes that the government action substantially burdens his or her sincere religious practice... the burden shifts to the State to show both that the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest, and is narrowly tailored to meet that end." State v. Mack, 2020 N.H. LEXIS 206, \*42.

One common objection to the free exercise of religion is the idea that it will somehow make every person a "law unto himself" and allow people to nullify all kinds of ordinary laws at will. But this is not borne out by the facts. The New Hampshire Supreme Court agrees on page 21 of Mack, the Court said "[t]he compelling state interest balancing test has proven to be a workable standard in free exercise cases." Id. at \*45. In fact, religious exercise was accorded protections of this kind everywhere in the United States, under federal constitutional law, from 1943 until 1990.

This did not mean that Americans were allowed to evade taxes, run red lights at will, and so on under the guise of religion.

Thank you for your time.

Nancy Davis  
Merrimack, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Natasha Athens <zipidedooda07@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 5:01 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** NH Freedom

There are no liberties legally suspended in an emergency. Government creates emergencies to steal liberty and promote fear as well as control.

Government is NOT in charge of our health. They are NOT in charge of private businesses. They are not allowed to order and discriminate - ever. No loophole, or fake order in an emergency ever allows it either. This can NEVER happen again.

It has caused civil war depression symptoms among a thriving economy prior to this scam.

This bill must be passed so that nothing bypasses legislation and no one can ever steal power and liberty for any reason again.

Natasha  
Keene NH



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Mason Parker <parkerhousecoffee@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn  
**Cc:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 440 & HB 542

Dear Committee,

I strongly believe that the rights of the citizens of our state have been infringed upon continuously during the COVID outbreak. I support both HB 440 and HB 542 as amended. I believe they will reestablish the importance of each citizen's constitutionally rights. I hope you will consider voicing your support for these two bill too.

Thank you for your service,

Mason Parker

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Gerri Cannon <gerri.cannon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 5:46 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Madame Chair and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

For the record, my name is Representative Gerri Cannon, representing Strafford County district 18, (Somersworth and Rollinsford)

I do not support HB 542. I'm concerned that it implies that a Religious organization should have more rights and power than the State Government in times of emergency and beyond. It could negatively impact the well being of the residents of New Hampshire who are not associated with that religious organization.

This begs the questions, does one religious organization and their beliefs have more power over the health of all NH residents than the State? And, Does one religious organization have more authority than another during times of emergencies?

I'm concerned that this bill implies that previously implemented legislation protecting the equal rights and health of NH's disenfranchised residents and visitors could be ignored by members of a religious organization just because of their religious beliefs.

I believe this bill is too broad in scope and could infringe on the rights of other New Hampshire residents. As such, I urge you to vote inexpedient to legislate.

Thank you for your time and diligence.

Representative Gerri Cannon

*Somersworth, NH - - Proud Past, Bright Future*  
*(603) 841-5410*

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Sikt <Sikt@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

I support both of these bills!

Sikt Grote  
Nashua, NH

## **Jennifer Horgan**

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**From:** annmarie aroneexteriors.com <annmarie@aroneexteriors.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 6:11 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB-440 and HB-542

Dear Committee Members,

A quick note to say I am in complete support of these two bills, and hope very much that both of them are passed!

Thank you,  
Ann Marie Arone  
Pelham, NH

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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Melanie <mel@ironfit.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 6:12 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support HB440 and HB542

Dear Committee Members,  
I urge you to support HB440 and HB542 as amended. We need to take our liberties and freedoms back!  
Sincerely,  
Melanie Fink  
Wolfeboro

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Joan Kofalt <joan@jimkofalt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support for House Bills

I writing to register my support for HB 440 as amended, as well as HB 542 as amended. We need to stop the lunacy and protect what we have left of our civil liberties. We need to roll back the Governor's power.

Regards,  
Joan Kofalt  
Wilton, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Peter Crowell <peter\_crowell@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 7:02 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

I encourage the passage of these bills.

Peter

Peter Crowell  
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[peter\\_crowell@me.com](mailto:peter_crowell@me.com)

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Georgia King <georgia.o@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 7:25 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Please support HB 440 and HB 542.

Hello,

Please support HB 440 and HB 542.

There is no emergency severe enough to warrant giving up our civil liberties or our religious freedoms. People have died to give us those liberties, so even a pandemic which causes death shouldn't allow us to relinquish what was purchased for us by that sacrifice.

It may be reasonable to forego certain liberties during a public health crisis, but the choice to do so must remain at the individual level. No government, business, nor even a religious institution should ever force or coerce individuals to behave a certain way. People should always have the right to choose their own actions, and they should also have uncensored access to all information so they can make fully informed decisions - especially in an emergency.

There has been a totalitarian coup, and American liberty is failing... maybe has fallen. But NH liberty doesn't have to go the same route. The subsidiarity of states may be our last best hope to turn the tide and restore what's lost. NH needs to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Protect the liberty of individual citizens of NH, and in doing so, you will contribute to the restoration of America as a whole.

Please support HB 440 and HB 542. Your children and grandchildren will thank you.

- Georgia King  
(Rochester, NH)





**Statement by Gilles Bissonnette, Legal Director of the ACLU-NH  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Bill 542  
May 11, 2021**

I am the Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire (ACLU-NH)—a non-profit organization working to protect civil liberties throughout New Hampshire for over fifty years. On behalf of the ACLU-NH, I appreciate the opportunity to testify today in opposition to HB542, which is often termed by proponents as a “religious freedom restoration act” or “RFRA.” Despite the bill’s amended analysis addressing houses of worship and states of emergency, this bill is sweeping and is not limited to this narrow issue. To the contrary, this bill would undermine New Hampshire’s Law Against Discrimination (*see* Chapter 354-A) and give businesses a license to discriminate against suspect classes. In so doing, it would also undermine HB1319, which was the historic bipartisan effort in 2018 to protect transgender individuals from discrimination in public accommodations and other contexts under New Hampshire’s Law Against Discrimination.

By way of background, the provisions in this bill were originally a part of HB440, but were removed and subsequently added to HB542 by the House Judiciary Committee.

**A. Background**

Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights as Americans. That is why it is protected in the New Hampshire and United States Constitutions. These Constitutions protect not only the right to believe (or not to believe), but also the right to express our religious beliefs. We have the absolute right to believe whatever we want about God, faith, and religion, and we have the right to act on our beliefs, but not to harm others. The ACLU has been protecting religious freedom since its founding in 1920. We have a long history of protecting religious believers of all backgrounds and faiths, whether it is defending a student’s right to read his Bible during free reading periods at his school in Tennessee<sup>1</sup> or the right of a Muslim man to wear religious headwear in a courtroom in North Carolina.<sup>2</sup>

Unfortunately, however, HB542 could allow religion to be used to discriminate and potentially harm others. Moreover, this bill is so broadly written that there may be unforeseen and harmful consequences to our state. And for these reasons, we urge this Committee to reject this bill.

**B. Religious Freedom Restoration Acts – 1993 and Now**

It has often been argued that state “religious freedom restoration” bills like HB542 are no different from the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (“RFRA”) enacted in 1993. However, the context in which HB542 is being introduced in 2021 is very different from what transpired in 1993. For example, HB542 is being introduced after New Hampshire, in 2018, enacted HB1319 which amended our “Law Against Discrimination” in Chapter 354-A to eliminate discrimination on the basis of gender identity in the context of public accommodations and employment. HB542 would, undoubtedly, undermine these important protections that were enacted on a bipartisan basis.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aclu.org/religion-belief/aclu-tn-protects-students-right-read-bible-school>

<sup>2</sup> <http://acluofnc.org/blog/report-man-removed-from-lenoir-courthouse-for-wearing-religious-attire.html>

In contrast, the Federal RFRA responded directly to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Employment Division v. Smith* (1990), which many people saw as a significant setback in constitutional protection for the religious liberty of vulnerable minority faith groups. The coalition that supported RFRA included Democrats and Republicans, people of all faiths, and groups that cared generally about civil liberties.

This alliance changed in the 1990s, as landlords across the country started to use state religious liberty claims to challenge the application of state and local civil rights laws protecting persons against marital status discrimination. For instance, in 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit *Thomas v. Anchorage Equal Rights Commission*<sup>3</sup> applied a standard of review very similar to the federal RFRA and HB542 to a local civil rights law in deciding a claim by landlords that compliance with that law protecting unmarried couples from discrimination based on marital status burdened the landlords' religious beliefs. The court held that the governmental interest in preventing marital status discrimination was not compelling. As a result, the landlords did not have to comply with that civil rights law. Even though the *Thomas* decision was later vacated on other grounds, the decision demonstrated that some people will attempt to use religion to avoid complying with civil rights laws, and sometimes courts would allow this to happen.

**C. Potential Harms of a RFRA in New Hampshire, Including Allowing a Business to Assert Rights Under It and Exempt Itself From Complying With Our Law Against Discrimination.**

HB542 contains two critical provisions that make clear that it is designed to allow a business to discriminate against a person, despite the protections that exist under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination in Chapter 354-A.

*First*, this bill would give anyone the right to argue that they do not have to follow state or local laws—including basic civil rights laws related to employment, housing, and public accommodations. It would allow private individuals *and businesses* to assert religious beliefs in a way that could lead to discrimination against not just gay and transgender Granite Staters, but potentially anyone who does not share their beliefs or religious practices. This is because, under HB542, a "person" who can assert "religious freedom" rights is defined as "any individual, association, partnership, corporation, church, religious institution, estate, trust, foundation, or other legal entity." (Page 3, Lines 6-7).

*Second*, HB542 would allow for-profit businesses, employees, individuals—basically anyone—to assert a legal claim or defense of free exercise of religion in a legal proceeding, regardless of whether the government is a party to the proceeding. It specifically states: "A person whose exercise of religion has been burdened, or is likely to be burdened, in violation of this section may assert such violation or impending violation as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding, regardless of whether the state or one of its political subdivisions is a party to the proceeding." (Page 4, Lines 9-12). In other words, a business's "free exercise" right is not simply a defense against actions brought by government, but more importantly is a defense against a private lawsuit by another person, including a private lawsuit brought by a person against a business under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination in Chapter 354-A.

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<sup>3</sup> *Thomas v. Anchorage Equal Rights Comm'n*, 165 F.3d 692 (9th Cir. 1999), *vacated on other grounds*, 220 F.3d 1134 (9th Cir. 2000). For other cases involving claims of religious freedom to discriminate in the rental of housing, see *Smith v. Fair Emp. & Housing Comm'n*, 913 P. 2d 909 (Ca. 1996); *Swanner v. Anchorage Equal Rights Commission*, 874 P. 2d 274 (Alaska, 1994); *Attorney Gen. v. Desilets*, 636 N.E.2d 233 (Mass. 1994). The landlord was successful in *Desilets*.

Taken together, these provisions reveal that, contrary to the federal RFRA and its counterparts in other states, HB542 was carefully written to make clear that businesses can use it against civil rights suits brought by individuals under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination.

This may all sound familiar. That is because HB542 is very similar to the notorious SB1062 from Arizona in 2014. You may recall that Governor Jan Brewer vetoed the bill after public opposition from politicians from both sides of the aisle, including Governor Mitt Romney and Senators Jeff Flake and John McCain; the Arizona Cardinals and the National Football League; and major corporations representing a wide range of industries, including airlines, technology, and hospitality, to name just a few. Regrettably, in 2015, Indiana passed a law similar to HB542, and the backlash too was swift, including from the NCAA, prominent corporations, and advocacy groups across the political spectrum.<sup>4</sup>

In both Arizona and Indiana, the public outrage was uniform and the message was crystal clear – do not allow religion to be used to discriminate, and do not harm our state.

The potential for harm is based not on conjecture, but on very real experiences elsewhere where “religious freedom” has been asserted. For example, RFRAs or other “religious freedom” rights have been asserted in the following contexts:

- A police officer in Oklahoma asserted a religious objection to attending a community relations event held at a mosque, claiming a “moral dilemma.”<sup>5</sup>
- In New Mexico, a religious leader cited that state’s RFRA when he appealed a conviction for sexually abusing two teenagers.<sup>6</sup>
- Pharmacists in several states have used religious freedom and other laws as a defense for refusing to dispense contraception.<sup>7</sup>

Even though some of these religious claimants ultimately did not prevail, these examples illustrate the types of claims that our state and local governments – and potentially private businesses in our state – likely will have to defend using precious taxpayer dollars. Because HB542 could open up religious exemption lawsuits challenging *any* law, policy, regulation, government action, or decision that an individual sees as conflicting with their religious exercise (*see* Page 4, Lines 16-17)—including New Hampshire’s Law Against Discrimination—the ensuing lawsuits will clog up our court system and our state and local governments will have to spend taxpayer dollars to show that the policy or law in question serves a “compelling governmental interest” and that there are no alternative means of achieving such interests. This is a difficult standard to meet and there is no telling how long such lawsuits may take.

For these reasons, we ask that the Committee vote HB542 “inexpedient to legislate.”

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<sup>4</sup> Ultimately, in response to this backlash, follow-up legislation was enacted in Indiana specifying that the law does not authorize discrimination in public accommodations. *See* <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2015/04/02/rfra-changes-reactions/70824088/>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-law-reform/reforming-police/sorry-officer-you-have-duty-protect-and-serve-not>; *see also* *Fields v. City of Tulsa*, 753 F.3d 1000 (10th Cir. 2014) (rejecting RFRA claim raised by the officer).

<sup>6</sup> *State v. Bent*, 328 P.3d 677 (N.M. App. 2013) (where RFRA was raised by the defense, holding that trial counsel’s failure to assert a defense based on New Mexico’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act did not constitute ineffective assistance of counsel).

<sup>7</sup> *See, e.g.*, <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2018/07/20/hilde-hall-transgender-prescription-denied-cvs-pharmacy/809450002/>.

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Ifoxter <ifoxter@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:24 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** OTP HB 440 and HB 542

HB 440 is VITAL to retaining separation of powers in Art 37 of the Constitution.  
HB 542 is VITAL to retaining religious freedom guaranteed by Art 5 of the Constitution.

Thank you for considering these extremely important issues. Our way of government is at stake here.

Terry Cox  
Webster

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Pamela Borisko <pjborisko@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:24 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB440 and HB542

Dear Committee Members:

I would like you all to support and pass HB440 as amended and HB542 as amended. These bills are so important for our freedoms as US and NH Citizens. Over the past year, I have never felt stronger that our freedoms have been slowly taken away. I do not wish to see this great state and our great nation fall to socialism.

Please, I implore you all to do the right thing and approve these bills without hesitation.

Thank you for your time and support.

A concerned citizen,  
Pamela L. Borisko  
Live Free or Die

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Justin Chapman <justintc@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:41 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Hello Ms. Horgan,

I'm a resident of Nashua NH and I **support for HB 440 and HB 542.**

Regards,  
Justin

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Bollerud <bollerud2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:48 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 542

I oppose HB 542:

Religion is not a license to discriminate. HB542 is not about freedom of religion, it is about providing legal cover to discriminate. This bill is bad for NH.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Kathleen Bollerud, Ed.D.  
Harrisville, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Den Chapman <denoct103@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:58 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** May 10 - Support HB 542

Dear Jennifer,

While praying to God to give you guidance and strength to Pass HB440, this bill falls right into the same agenda in protecting our rights to practice our religious beliefs. During these very stressful and depressing past 13 months, just when people needed to engage their religion the most, the SoE denied them.

This religious freedom bill will prevent many of the abuses of power during the State of Emergency that affected churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious assemblies.

Please help the people of NH by passing HB 542.

kevin chapman  
marlborough



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Charles Gallagher <cwgallagher1959@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 9:30 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

As a NH Voter I strongly support HB 440 to limit state of emergency powers which impinge Civil liberties and core constitutional rights.

I also endorse the religious protections out lined in HB 542.

Both of these bills support personal liberty.

It is important that NH stand for traditional protections of individual freedoms which have been guaranteed in this state since the birth of our independence near 250 years ago.

Charlie Gallagher  
Gilford

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Ed Jonson <jonsonec@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 9:40 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support Enactment of HB 542, New Hampshire Religious Liberty Act

Dear Judicial Committee Members,

I ask your support for the HB 542 religious freedom bill that would have prevented many of the abuses of power during the State of Emergency that affected churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious assemblies in New Hampshire. The clarification for religious freedom and supremacy thereof as defined in this bill is needed to protect NH citizens from government overreach shown in restrictions enacted during the current pandemic.

Edward Jonson  
Hudson, NH 03051

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Laura Aronson <laura@mlans.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 11:41 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Manchester voter opposes HB542

Esteemed senators and members of the Judiciary committee:

I oppose HB 542 and ask you to vote against it.

This bill would undermine New Hampshire's anti-discrimination protections and give businesses and their employees a license to discriminate. This bill is so broadly written that it risks unforeseen and harmful consequences to our state.

Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights. That is why it is protected in both the NH and U.S. Constitutions. These Constitutions protect not only the right to believe (or not to believe), but also the right to express our religious beliefs. But HB542 is not about protecting the right to believe. Rather, it is about using religion to discriminate and potentially harm others.

HB542 would give anyone the right to argue that they do not have to follow state or local laws—including basic civil rights laws related to employment, housing, and public accommodations. It would allow private individuals and businesses to assert religious beliefs in a way that could lead to discrimination against gay and transgender Granite Staters, and potentially anyone who does not share their beliefs or religious practices.

This bill is a direct threat to the bipartisan progress made in NH to protect Granite Staters from discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The NH legislature has made momentous bipartisan progress on Trans lived equality in recent years, and this bill flies in the face of that.

HB542 was carefully written to make clear that businesses can use it against civil rights suits brought by individuals under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination.

Because HB542 could open up religious exemption lawsuits challenging any law, policy, regulation, government action, or decision that an individual sees as conflicting with their religious exercise, it risks clogging our courts with lawsuits at great taxpayer expense.

HB542 is not about freedom of religion, it is about providing legal cover to discriminate. This bill is bad for NH.

Laura Aronson  
37 Evergreen Way, Manchester, NH 03102  
603-490-7126

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Carol <clmcc2befree@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:40 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan; Harold French; Jay Kahn; Sharon Carson; Becky Whitley; William Gannon  
**Cc:** Erin Hennessey; Bob Giuda; Jeb Bradley; David Watters; Suzanne Prentiss; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Gary Daniels; Kevin Avard; Cindy Rosenwald; Kevin Cavanaugh; John Reagan; Donna Soucy; Regina Birdsell; Lou D'Allesandro; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Chuck Morse; Tom Sherman; Mike Sylvia; Jim Kofalt; James Gray  
**Subject:** Please pass HB 542 as amended

Dear Ms Horgan,

I am emailing the Judiciary Committee, and then all Senators for when it comes to the floor, but could you please bring this to the hearing on Tuesday? I am not sure that the Senators will get this in time. Thank you!

Dear Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

Please pass HB 542 as amended. This amended bill makes sure that religion is also protected during a State of Emergency. Again, civil liberties should never stop. Passing this amended bill will ensure our freedom of religion is protected.

This NH Religious Liberty Act guarantees that we in NH stand with the original intent of Founding Father James Madison and all the Founding Fathers of the US Constitution in protecting religious freedom. Man (government) can NOT cross the jurisdictional lines of which God granted- the right to worship.

Thank you for passing HB 542 as amended, protecting me and all of NH's future in freedom of religion- ALWAYS.

Sincerely,

Carol Petruszewicz  
Rochester Resident

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Katelyn Mercier <mercierkatelyn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:01 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Dear Jennifer Horgan,

I fully support HB 440 and HB 542. Our civil liberties as well as our constitution rights should not of been stripped from us during the state of emergency. Businesses have now been forced to close and there have been many lost already and im sure through covid-19 as well. We should have had the freedom to travel as it brings joy to people to get out of the house. For most im sure it was quite depressing to stay home and not be able to see parents or grandparents. We thr people have the freedom to prosper and that was stripped from those who had businesses. Our religious freedoms shouldnt of been stripped from us either,as going to church helps the soul and asking God for guidance. For some its there family and possibly the only family they have. No church, synagogue, and so on should of been closed. I ask that you support both bills as amended.

Thank you,  
Katelyn  
Franklin,NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** karen keane <karenwkeane@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:33 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Dear Mrs Horgan, Kindly pass along this note as testimony.

Simply: **I am registering my support for HB 440 and HB 54.**

**Thank you!**

**Karen Keane  
10 Market St  
Lyme NH**

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** MICHAEL MAGUIRE <mikegc1@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:02 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Just a quick note, I am encouraging you to support HB 440 and HB 542 as a reasonable and collective Bill that speaks to the freedoms of New Hampshire citizens and the ability to keep a clear distinction from government and the freedoms of the people that support our public officials. I believe it is well written and speaks to the heart of the matter that we've seen across the United States over the past year and desire that New Hampshire a live free or die state has the clarity of being able to distinguish between freedoms and the impingement of them by any government or government official. Thank you for your time and trust that you will hear from the good people of New Hampshire on the support of these two bills.

Mike Maguire, Pelham New Hampshire

Sent from my iPhone

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Valerie Murphy <vmurphy111@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:49 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB440 & 542

Please pass both bills as I support both.



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Robert Dewey <rcdewey3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:51 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my opposition of HB 542.

As the father of a gay daughter it is my opinion that this form of "religious based discrimination" is not in the best interest of the citizens of NH. My daughter is living a very productive life as a school therapist and a high school coach. She is the type of person that lights up a room with her positive loving spirit. She is living her life just like you and me. There are many like her.

This bill would allow people to discriminate against her based on their "religious" beliefs. This is as UNCHRISTIAN as you can get. In your heart you must know this is not good for our state.

Please vote against this hateful bill.

Robert Dewey MD  
23 Church Road  
Bedford, NH. 03110



## DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

May 10, 2021

Via email only

Senator Sharon Carson, Chair  
And Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: HB 542 (Religious Liberty)**

Dear Senator Carson and Members of the Committee:

As Director of Public Policy for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, and on behalf of Bishop Peter Libasci, I respectfully submit the following comments on HB 542. These comments are limited to the substantive portions of the bill, beginning with Section 4. We support the establishment of a new RSA 546-C to advance the protection of religious liberty.

As you know, the right of religious freedom is recognized in Part 1 Article 5 of the New Hampshire Constitution as an “unalienable” right which is inherent in the nature of the human person. This is the teaching of the Catholic Church as well; tellingly, the Second Vatican Council’s Declaration on Religious Liberty is titled *Dignitatis Humanae*- “Of Human Dignity”.

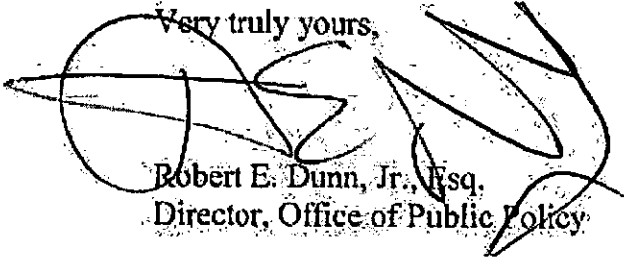
In Catholic thought, the church and the political community in their own fields are autonomous and independent from one another. Yet, “both, under different titles, are devoted to the personal and social vocation of the same people.” Second Vatican Council, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 76. Thus, “the more that both foster sounder cooperation between themselves with due consideration for the circumstances of time and place, the more effective will their service be exercised for the good of all.” *Id.* I should note that the cooperation between the governmental authorities and the Church in New Hampshire in responding to the coronavirus pandemic has been one excellent illustration of this principle in action. As that example demonstrates, religious liberty promotes the common good.

In late December, the New Hampshire Supreme Court decided the case of *State v. Mack*. In that ruling, the Court held that when a state action substantially burdens a sincere religious practice, the state has the burden of proving that the action is necessary to achieve a compelling state interest and that it is narrowly tailored to meet that end. The substantive provisions of HB 542 essentially serve to provide a statutory mechanism that implements the framework laid out in *Mack*.

Senator Sharon Carson, Chair  
And Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Accordingly, we support the creation of a framework that would protect religious freedom at the state level in much the same way that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (which was passed on a broadly bi-partisan basis and signed into law by President Clinton) does at the federal level.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our comments.

Very truly yours,  
  
Robert E. Dunn, Jr., Esq.  
Director, Office of Public Policy

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** brendan1 <brendan1@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:54 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Lori Schreier <schreierlori@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:09 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Good morning Ms Horgan,

We are writing to support bills HB 440 and HB 542 as amended.

We urge our legislators to support these bills which prohibit suspension of civil liberties during a state of emergency and to stop the suspension of the law and the Constitution by the Governor or legislators during a state of emergency. Likewise we ask our legislators to support religious freedom and prevent the abuses of power during a state of emergency which prevented religious institutions from functioning. Support HB 542 as amended.

Please pass this on to the Committee members. Thank you

Sincerely,

Lori Schreier and James Warren  
916 River Road  
Westmoreland, NH 03467

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** kenny Scipione <cfdff.ken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:34 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support HB 440 & HB 542 as amended

Dear Legislator,

As a citizen and taxpayer in NH I urge you to support HB 440 and 542 as amended. It is time to restore NH to the constitutional republic that it was designed to be. This is an opportunity to prevent a consolidation of power in the future and allow our system to work and not be corrupted by special interests. Further, freedom of religion is a freedom granted to citizens. Please protect that.

Thank you for your attention.

Kenny Scipione  
17 Highland Ave.  
Sandown, NH 03873

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Scott Reed <smreed1965@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

I fully support this bill and urge my representatives to support it. Our basic liberties must be protected!!!

Mobile: 860-990-5391

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Melissa Hinebauch <mmhinebauch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** I am a NH voter, PLEASE OPPOSE HB 542 - the so called "protection of religious liberty" bill

Dear Chair Sharon Carson and Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I am a NH voter and one of your constituents. I urge you to please OPPOSE HB 542 because is not about freedom of religion, it is about providing legal cover to discriminate. This bill is bad for NH.

- Additional reasons why HB 542 is an extremely dangerous and awful bill for the Granite State:
  - This bill would undermine New Hampshire's anti-discrimination protections and give businesses and their employees a license to discriminate. This bill is so broadly written that it risks unforeseen and harmful consequences to our state.
  - Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights. That is why it is protected in both the NH and U.S. Constitutions. These Constitutions protect not only the right to believe (or not to believe), but also the right to express our religious beliefs. But HB542 is not about protecting the right to believe. Rather, it is about using religion to discriminate and potentially harm others.
  - HB542 would give anyone the right to argue that they do not have to follow state or local laws—including basic civil rights laws related to employment, housing, and public accommodations. It would allow private individuals and businesses to assert religious beliefs in a way that could lead to discrimination against gay and transgender Granite Staters, and potentially anyone who does not share their beliefs or religious practices.
  - This bill is a direct threat to the bipartisan progress made in NH to protect Granite Staters from discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The NH legislature has made momentous bipartisan progress on Trans lived equality in recent years, and this bill flies in the face of that.
  - HB542 was carefully written to make clear that businesses can use it against civil rights suits brought by individuals under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination.
  - Because HB542 could open up religious exemption lawsuits challenging any law, policy, regulation, government action, or decision that an individual sees as conflicting with their religious exercise, it risks clogging our courts with lawsuits at great taxpayer expense.



Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mel Hinebauch  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-224-4866

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Cheryl Lamoureux <cheryll64@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support HB 440 and HB 542

Please consider my support in the passing of these two bills.

Cheryl Lamoureux

Sent from my iPhone



**Statement by Chris Erchull,  
Staff Attorney, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD),  
before the Senate Judiciary Committee,  
in Support of House Bill 542,  
An Act Relative to the Protection of Religious Liberty**

Honorable Chairperson Carson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to consider my statement in opposition to House Bill 542, An Act Relative to the Protection of Religious Liberty. This legislation will result in harm to some of New Hampshire's most vulnerable people.

As an attorney with GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ensuring equality for LGBTQ people and people living with HIV, I oppose legislation that would weaken essential anti-discrimination laws. GLAD submits this written testimony to highlight three important points to underscore our opposition.

**1. HB 542 Reverses Civil Rights Protections**

New Hampshire has demonstrated leadership in protecting its most vulnerable citizens. The New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination, RSA 354-A, was among the first in the nation in 1997 to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations.<sup>1</sup> Ten years later, this Legislature passed a bill to provide legal protections to same-sex couples.<sup>2</sup> In 2009, Governor Lynch signed a law recognizing full marriage equality.<sup>3</sup>

More recently, in 2018, nondiscrimination protections were extended to transgender residents in New Hampshire when Governor Sununu signed House Bill 1319.<sup>4</sup> These protections were complimented by a 2019 law expanding RSA 354-A to education, providing much needed civil rights guarantees to New Hampshire public school students.<sup>5</sup>

House Bill 542 invites any individual and business to opt out of each of these protective laws. Decades of progress could unravel instantly if this bill becomes law.

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<sup>1</sup> House Bill 421 (1997), An Act amending the law against discrimination to prohibit discrimination on account of a person's sexual orientation.

<sup>2</sup> House Bill 437 (2007), An Act permitting same gender couples to enter civil unions and have the same rights, responsibilities, and obligations as married couples.

<sup>3</sup> House Bill 436 (2009), An Act relative to civil marriage and civil unions.

<sup>4</sup> House Bill 1319 (2018), An Act prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity.

<sup>5</sup> Senate Bill 263 (2019), An Act relative to anti-discrimination protection for students in public schools.

## 2. HB 542 is Expansive

The sheer breadth of House Bill 542 underscores its potential damaging effects. The language of the bill defines the exercise of religion as “any action that is motivated by a sincerely held religious belief,” which on its face includes any baldly discriminatory action, including termination of employment, exclusion from housing, denial of services, or even the intentional harassment of a student.

The impact on LGBTQ people in New Hampshire, many of whom are themselves people of faith, would be devastating. Their right to live free from discrimination would be subordinate to the rights of those with personal beliefs opposed to their freedom. An assertion that compliance with civil rights laws would substantially burden the religious beliefs of any person or business could excuse any violation of nondiscrimination laws.


While LGBTQ people are especially vulnerable to faith-based justifications as pretext for discrimination, others could also face harm by the dissolution of legal protections. For example, in September 2019, an event hall in Mississippi voiced religious beliefs in denying services to an interracial couple who had booked the venue for their wedding.<sup>6</sup> Every person has the right to hold religious views, even discriminatory religious views. But it is repugnant to New Hampshire’s values to encourage articulating religious beliefs as justification for harmful and unlawful acts of discrimination.

## 3. HB 542 Harms the Social Fabric of New Hampshire

Nondiscrimination laws do more than simply protect the most vulnerable among us from harm. These laws serve all citizens by ensuring equal opportunities for everyone. LGBTQ people are our colleagues, our teachers, our volunteers, our classmates, our neighbors, our healthcare workers, and our family members. When LGBTQ people have the resources they need to succeed, everyone wins. We understand that civil rights protections are meant to serve all of us.

The right to religious freedom is one of our most cherished and most sacred civil liberties. Faith is equally important to members of the LGBTQ community as to anyone else. But religious beliefs cannot permit a person to cause harm to others because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. This law would tolerate exactly this type of harm, reversing the strides New Hampshire has made and forcing LGBTQ people back to a position as second-class citizens. I urge you, please vote ITL on House Bill 542.

Submitted by:



Chris Erchull, NH Bar #266733  
GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders  
[cerchull@glad.org](mailto:cerchull@glad.org)

May 11, 2021

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<sup>6</sup> See Allyson Chiu, *A Mississippi Wedding Venue Rejected an Interracial Couple*, The Washington Post (Sept. 3, 2019).

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Barbara D. Reed <bdreed74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

I have been a resident of NH for 50 years. This bill will open the door to the courts becoming clogged with lawsuits against/for pretty much anything regarding religion, rather than using the court's time to deal with real and present issues, including justice issues, concerning the residents of NH. Would Christian churches feel that there should be rulings or laws against other religions? This bill would allow discrimination against anything that a particular church is against. The Constitution established freedom of religion (not one religion only.) Barbara D. Reed North Swanzey NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Barbara D. Reed <bdreed74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

In my previous letter, I forgot to add that I believe this bill should be deemed ITL. Barbara D. Reed North Swanzey NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Andrea Batstone <andrea.batstone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:46 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

I would like to support both these bills in front of the Senate Committee. We need our rights given back to us and the Governor needs to be held to the wants of the people and to not overstep his authority over us. Thank You

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Victoria Gulla <gullav@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542 Religious Freedom Bill

To the Committee,

It is essential to pass this Bill as is and expeditiously. As you may have seen, just this past weekend, a pastor in Canada , whose church was previously surrounded by armed troops with an attempt to break-up his religious services, was arrested on a highway in Calgary, Alberta, the province historically the freest and most like its American neighbor, Montana. Cases of coronavirus are low in Alberta and there have been no cases in this particular church. The pasture is a Polish immigrant, fully familiar with the tactics of Soviets and Nazis and the Stasi. You say, but this is Canada. Exactly, what crazy encroachment on Liberty that happens in Canada or the UK usually makes its way to the United States. I am a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, and have seen these trends happen.

The Religious Liberty Bill is one of the most important bills for you to pass this session. End the illegal and unjustified state-of-emergency, and be heroes against tyranny.

~Victoria Gulla  
Spofford, NH



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** nick davis <nicholasdavis74@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Good morning Jennifer Horgan,

My name is Nicholas Davis, Lead Pastor of At the Cross Church here in Antrim New Hampshire. Unfortunately because of my work schedule, I am uncertain I will be able to attend the testimony for HB 440 and HB 542. I would like to share our churches situation if someone would be willing to submit my testimony for me.

In March of 2020 our Church leadership was visited by our towns Fire Chief who informed us we would no longer be able to gather for Worship due to the threat of contacting or spreading the Corona virus. If I remember correctly, at that time there were under 10 confirmed cases in New Hampshire. Our initial response was disbelief—"what authority could tell us we could not gather and worship our God..... are we not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution?" We were told if we were to continue gathering after that Sunday's service the department would be forced to pursue a "cease and desist" order!

Turning to the Amendment to HB 440 the general court was never intended that "Emergency Powers" grant to the Governor would be used to suspend civil liberties, and to amend the emergency powers statutes to expressly prohibit the suspension of civil liberties. In fact to ensure that "even in a pandemic, the Constitution cannot be put away and forgotten." Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn v. Cuomo, 592 U. S. \_\_\_\_ (2020) (Gorsuch, J., concurring in the judgment).

I would also point to, "Civil Liberties Protected. No power delegated or otherwise granted by any statute or act of this general court to the governor or any of the governor's subordinates, whether before or after the date of this act, shall be construed to suspend or permit the suspension of civil liberties.

State of Emergency; Powers of the Governor. Amend RSA 4:45 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph: IV. Notwithstanding the foregoing enumerated powers, civil liberties shall on no account be suspended. Nor shall the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire bill of rights be suspended, set aside, or otherwise infringe

From Bill 542: "This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared "State of Emergency" shall not apply to houses of worship and provides that the state shall not substantially burden a persons right to the free exercise of religion unless doing so is essential to further compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest."

The Frist Amendment is supposed to guarantee our freedoms concerning religion, expression, and the right to assemble peacefully. Churches have been forced to close their houses of worship---those who have continued to peacefully assemble have been arrested and fined all over our country. This blatant abuse of power has gone on for too long and has been carried out in the name of protecting its people. We the people demand that our freedoms and liberties be restored and further protected going forward.

Lastly, for those of you in elected office who are fighting to truly protect the people we honor and thank you for your hard work and service.

May God Bless America and this great State of New Hampshire!

Nicolas Davis  
At The Cross Antrim

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



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May 10, 2021

The Honorable Sharon Carson  
Chair  
Judiciary Committee  
New Hampshire Senate  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

The Honorable Bill Gannon  
Vice Chair  
Judiciary Committee  
New Hampshire Senate  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Oppose HB 542—This Bill is Unnecessary and Would Sanction Discrimination**

Dear Chair Carson and Vice Chair Gannon:

On behalf of the New Hampshire members and supporters of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, I write to express our opposition to HB 542, which would create a “religious freedom restoration act.”

Freedom of religion protects everyone’s right to practice the religion of their choice or no religion at all—so long as they don’t discriminate against or harm others. This bill should be rejected because it would undermine this principle. Moreover, the New Hampshire Constitution already robustly protects religious freedom.

**The New Hampshire Constitution Already Has Robust Protections for Religious Freedom**

This bill is unnecessary because religious freedom is already protected by the New Hampshire Constitution, which protects the right to “worship[] God in the manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of [one’s] own conscience.”<sup>1</sup> In December, the New Hampshire Supreme Court held that this provision “expressly protects religious belief and religious practices” and does not “distinguish between the impact of laws of general application and laws that target particular religious practices.”<sup>2</sup> The Court explained that if the government substantially burdens a sincere religious practice, the State must show “that the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest[] and is narrowly tailored to meet that end.”<sup>3</sup> Because this constitutional protection already exists, there is no need to pass a state law.

<sup>1</sup> N.H. Const. Part First, art. V.

<sup>2</sup> *State v. Mack*, 2020 WL 7626808, 12 (N.H. 2020).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 13.

### **HB 542 Is Dangerously Broad**

The language in this bill is similar to the test outlined by the New Hampshire Supreme Court in *State v. Mack*, but the bill would change the well-understood standard from that case and stray from the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).<sup>4</sup> HB 542 defines “substantial burden” to mean “any action that directly or indirectly constrains, inhibits, curtails, or denies the exercise of religion.” This definition is so broad that it could prohibit the government from imposing *any* burden whatsoever. If adopted, the government would have to justify almost every single existing and future state and local law—even if it creates only an insubstantial, *de minimis* burden that only remotely affects religion—with a compelling interest that is narrowly tailored to the person claiming the burden. This introduces uncertainty into and invites abuse of all of the state’s laws, and it opens the door to costly lawsuits.

Justice Scalia warned that applying the test in the federal RFRA could be used to trump “manslaughter and child neglect laws,” “drug laws,” “traffic laws,” “minimum wage laws,” “child labor laws,” “animal cruelty laws,” “environmental protection laws,” and “nondiscrimination laws.”<sup>5</sup> Because the bill includes such an expansive definition of “substantial burden,” this list would grow significantly longer. Nearly any government action that someone claims simply burdens their religion could be challenged. Basic laws like noise ordinances, parking restrictions, permit and licensing requirements, and health and safety regulations seem likely to lead to litigation.

In addition, HB 542 would allow a person to assert a claim or defense under RFRA even if the government is not a party to the proceeding. This would allow the law to be used in litigation between private parties, expanding the reach of this law beyond what is allowed by the federal RFRA. Allowing the use of RFRA in cases with private parties invites several problems. Most important, it would vastly increase the number of cases brought under RFRA. In addition, it requires private parties to defend a law as a compelling government interest when that role is clearly more suited for the government.

### **This Bill Would Sanction Discrimination and Harm**

Congress enacted the federal RFRA in 1993 with the goal of protecting religious liberty, especially for religious minorities. At the time of its passage, a broad coalition of progressive and conservative groups supported the law. But since then, RFRA and its state counterparts have been misconstrued and exploited in ways its original proponents never would have supported.

Many have attempted to use RFRA to deny rights to or harm others. For example, we have seen efforts to use the federal or state RFRA to ignore employment nondiscrimination laws;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb et. seq.

<sup>5</sup> *Employment Division v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872, 889 (1990).

<sup>6</sup> Memorandum for the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, from John P. Elwood, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, *Re: Application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to the Award of a Grant Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act* (June 29, 2007), <http://www.usdog.gov/fbci/effect-rfra.pdf> (The policy allows religious organizations to accept federal

deny health insurance coverage to women;<sup>7</sup> avoid ethics investigations;<sup>8</sup> obstruct criminal investigations;<sup>9</sup> shield religious organizations from bankruptcy and financial laws;<sup>10</sup> avoid licensing requirements;<sup>11</sup> and resist lawsuits over sexual abuse by clergy members.<sup>12</sup>

Nothing in HB 542 would prevent it from being used in these ways. As a result, this bill would sanction the use of religion to discriminate and cause harm.

### **Passing HB 542 Could Hurt New Hampshire**

When other states have considered RFRA legislation, these proposals have faced swift and fierce backlash—from businesses concerned about economic outcomes, faith leaders opposed to discrimination in the name of religion, and individuals seeking to protect their neighbors against discrimination and harm. After Indiana enacted a RFRA, Indianapolis alone lost \$60 million from business and tourism, and twelve profitable conventions.<sup>13</sup> The state only stemmed its economic losses by enacting a second law to prevent discrimination from businesses.<sup>14</sup> When the Georgia legislature considered a RFRA, major corporations, actors and entertainment industry titans,<sup>15</sup> the NFL, and Atlanta's professional sports teams<sup>16</sup> announced their opposition to the bill, and religious groups and leaders declared that it violated their religious teachings.<sup>17</sup> In the face of this opposition and threat of dire economic consequences, the governor vetoed the bill. If New Hampshire were to pass this bill, it could face similar opposition and economic losses.

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funding but use RFRA to ignore the laws barring hiring discrimination that would otherwise attach to those funds.)

<sup>7</sup> *Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 573 U.S. 682 (2014) (holding that a large, for-profit corporation could use RFRA to deny its employees insurance coverage for contraception).

<sup>8</sup> *Doe v. La. Psychiatric Med. Ass'n*, 102 F.3d 549 (5th Cir. 1996) (using federal RFRA to challenge an ethics investigation by the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association).

<sup>9</sup> *In re Grand Jury Empaneling of the Special Grand Jury*, 171 F.3d 826 (3rd Cir. 1999) (claiming that RFRA prohibits government from compelling grand jury witness to testify against rabbi); *United States v. Town of Colo. City*, No. 3:12-CV-8123-HRH, 2014 WL 5465104 (D. Ariz. Oct. 28, 2014) (arguing that RFRA prohibited U.S. Department of Justice from compelling witness testimony in civil-rights lawsuit against city); *Perez v. Paragon Contractors, Corp.*, No. 2:13CV00281-DS, 2014 WL 4628572 (D. Utah Sept. 11, 2014) (holding that RFRA prohibited court from compelling witness testimony in child-labor case).

<sup>10</sup> *Listecki v. Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors*, 780 F.3d 731 (7th Cir. 2015) (arguing that RFRA should shield Archdiocese from bankruptcy laws that would make more funds available to pay victims of sexual abuse).

<sup>11</sup> *Youngblood v. Fla. Dep't of Health*, 224 Fed.Appx. 909 (11th Cir. 2007) (claiming health inspection of school operated by church violated Florida RFRA); *McGlade v. State*, 982 So.2d 736 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2008) (claiming that law requiring midwifery license burdened religious exercise).

<sup>12</sup> *Doe No. 2 v. Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corp.*, No. HHDX07CV125036425S, 2013 WL 3871430 (Conn. Super. Ct. July 8, 2013) (arguing that Connecticut RFRA precludes claims against Church for negligent supervision and retention of alleged abuser); *Givens v. St. Adalbert Church*, No. HHDCV126032459S, 2013 WL 4420776 (Conn. Super. Ct. July 25, 2013) (same); *Noll v. Hartford Roman Catholic Diocesan Corp.*, No. HHDX04CV024034702S, 2008 WL 4853361 (Conn. Super. Ct. Oct. 20, 2008) (same).

<sup>13</sup> Brian Eason, *Official: RFRA Cost Indy Up to 12 Conventions and \$60M*, *Indianapolis Star*, Jan. 25, 2016.

<sup>14</sup> Kathie Obradovich, *Iowa Religious Liberty Bill Is a Neon 'Unwelcome' Sign*, *Des Moines Register*, Feb. 15, 2018.

<sup>15</sup> Max Blau, *R.I.P., Georgia's "Religious Freedom" Bill*, *Atlanta Magazine*, Mar. 28, 2016.

<sup>16</sup> *NFL Says Passage of Religious Freedom Bill Could Impact Super Bowl Chances*, *WSB-TV Atlanta*, Mar. 18, 2016.

<sup>17</sup> *Georgia Governor Vetoes Controversial "Religious Freedom" Bill*, *News 9*, Mar. 28, 2016.

**Conclusion**

Religious freedom is fundamental, and it is already protected by the New Hampshire Constitution. Passing HB 542 would only create a broader and more extreme standard that could be used to trump nearly any law. For these reasons, Americans United urges you to vote HB 542 inexpedient to legislate. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikolas Nartowicz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nikolas Nartowicz  
State Policy Counsel

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Katy Cutshall <vivadofamily@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542 and HB226

Dear State Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

We ask you to SUPPORT HB236. Coming from a community greatly affected by PFAS contamination, we have watched our neighbors suffer the impact of this corporate pollution. Expanding the statute of limitations to 6 years just makes sense as the negative consequences of PFAS build over time.

Please also OPPOSE HB542. This bill is too broadly written and will lead to discrimination. Religion is not a license to discriminate in a civilized society.

Sincerely,  
Mauricio Vivado & Catherine Cutshall  
42 Strafford Ln  
Bedford NH 03110  
603-471-9142

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Donald Reid <dwrreid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:53 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB440 and HB 542

Please support these bills ***as amended.***

Thank you,  
Don & Renee Reid  
Loudon, NH



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Carl Norby <carnrby@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

I support, and hope you do too, bills 440 and 542.  
thank you.  
Sharon and Carl Norby  
Alton NH

Carl Norby  
carnrby@aol.com

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Walt Merrill <waltmerrill@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:08 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 440 and HB 542

Please support these 2 House Bills!  
Thank you, Walt

Sent from my iPad

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Carmen Worrell <theseasix@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 2:41 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; Harold French; William Gannon; Jennifer Horgan; Jay Kahn; Becky Whitley  
**Subject:** HB 542

To the Judiciary Committee:

**Please vote in favor of The Religious Liverty Act HB 542.** This ruling will still allow the state to create mask mandates and other safety guidance proposals to be followed by churches or other religious entities. Contrary to opponents' arguments it will not discriminate on any LGBT persons.

Respectfully,  
Carmen Worrell  
Durham

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Russell Payne <19riderlee36@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 5:49 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear All Honorable Members of Senate Judiciary Committee:

The most important undergirding of liberty was used to build the foundation of liberty by our Founders , religious liberty. All of our liberties secured by the First Amendment are dependent on religious liberty. If we don't have this essential liberty, we will lose every other liberty. And yet over the past years crisis, this has been the major assault on our liberty, there is a force of evil going for the juggler vein of liberty. "it is not by accident." This bill would prevent churches from being treated worse than other essential services such as hospitals and grocery stores. An important point to remember when evaluating this legislation, is: it does not just apply to the present governor. In the future it will be crucial that we have this foundation of protection when God forbid!, we are burdened with the likes of a Governor, Andrew Cuomo or Governor, Gavin Newsom. Preventing abuse of power by one man aimed at churches must be prevented. I urge you to support HB 542.

Sincerely & Respectfully

Russ Payne

Merrimack NH 45 Coventry Ct

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Joe Lessard <jlessard@mrigov.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB542

Honorable Members of the Senate,

It is my understanding that this bill, if passed, would protect houses of worship from abuses by essentially categorizing them as essential services during states of emergency and codify general religious liberty protections. I write to urge you to vote to support HB 542.

Thank you.

Joe Lessard

295 N. MainSt.

Salem, NH 03079

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** NE CRIMINAL RESEARCH <technoman5@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 5:49 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Re: BILLS FOR REVIEW

Greetings Senators,

Please consider giving your full support to HB 542 and 440 as they come to you for review. I understand both sides of the issue but it's just to risky to give the state the power to declare a state of emergency and to easy for it to over react and politize the certain situations as it has clearly done in the current Covid "crisis".

Sincerely,  
Stephen R Catman  
16 Cutler Rd  
Litchfield

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** hilt54 <hilt54@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 8:07 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A Please vote in favor of HB 542-A to pass.

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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Lillian Seitz <liliem@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542 and HB 440

Attention Judiciary Committee Members,

Please vote OTP on HB 542 and HB 440.

Thank you,

Lillian Seitz

Portsmouth, NH 03801



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Beth Scaer <bscaer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 10:58 PM  
**To:** William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Sharon Carson; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Vote OTP on HB542

Dear Senators,

I was delighted when our Nashua ward's freshman Democrat state rep voted to pass HB542, the Religious Liberty Act, along with the one Republican state rep in Nashua. Protecting our religious liberty is a bipartisan cause.

Religious freedom is listed first in the first amendment to the Constitution for a reason. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Framers of the Constitution understood that it is a foundational freedom for our country.

Please vote OTP on HB542 and vote to protect our religious freedom.

Beth Scaer  
111 E Hobart St, Nashua, NH 03060

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Paul St Martin <saintspg5@metrocast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB542 . This amendment would protect our churches from being treated worse than other essential services in a state of emergency. We need freedom of individuals and religious organizations to practice our faith.I

Sincerely,  
Gloria and Paul St Martin of Wolfeboro

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Margaret <MS975@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542 - The Religious Liberty Act

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

Please vote in favor of this bill and protect our religious rights and freedoms at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Sweeney  
Campton

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Raelene Ouellette <raeleneouellette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

I'm writing to ask you to vote "Ought To Pass" on HB 542. No religious entity should be treated worse than other essential services during a state of emergency.

Thank you for listening to your constituents.

Kindly,

Raelene Ouellette  
Seabrook NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Kurt <kurticus@tutamail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Hello Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

Please vote in favor of HB 542 as amended tomorrow. As you already know, this legislation is key for categorizing houses of worship as essential during a state of emergency. Spiritual guidance during a crisis is essential for the well being of the general populace, and protected under the constitution.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email,

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Kurt Marvin - Windham, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Janis Anthes <j.anthes@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 1:33 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Support for HB 542

We support your voting tomorrow in committee that HB 542 "ought to pass". We are in favor of returning religious liberty to the citizens of NH.

Thank you,  
Gregory and Janis Anthes  
103 Meaderboro Road  
New Durham, NH 03855  
603-859-1118

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** RD BT <rd.tyner88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** OTP bills and BAN VAX PASSPORTS!

Dear Senators,

I am a New Hampshire resident, an independent, a widowed single mother, and veteran with 32.5 years active duty service. I'm also a scientist - with extensive work in oceanography, meteorology, climate change and energy - and a late stage cancer survivor. I have long kept company with prestigious scientists and medical personnel who are open-minded critical thinkers and problem solvers. Our best and brightest scientists and doctors, across party lines, are being silenced when they try to talk about actual science.

**I am adamantly opposed to any version of a vaccine passport!** And, there should be a law banning coercion for people to get the vaccines without a true and honest briefing on the risks and benefits...actually, there already is...it needs to be reiterated and enforced!

In Exeter, the fire chief and public health officer have actually been going to local businesses with a mobile vaccine setup to promote the vaccine and inject people in stores and restaurants! This is unconscionable! They are not informing people of the risks and benefits. The vaccine is dangerous for some people, especially those who recently had covid, have vascular issues, or several other medical conditions. It is utterly irresponsible for non-medical government officials to pressure people into taking an experimental treatment without even knowing whether or not it is appropriate for them!

HB 542 & SB155 both OUGHT TO PASS overwhelmingly! Our country was founded on religious freedoms. Don't let them be weakened!

FYI, Here's a brand new May '21 study of VAERS data related to covid vaccines. In 4 months, over 4,000 deaths, over 3,000 miscarriages, and nearly 11,000 breakthrough cases of covid have been reported. So the federal government decided to stop tracking breakthrough cases for vaccinated people.

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/UODpC2znAlf7/>

We also know that natural immunity is superior, like 99.9%, and the vaccines range from 65% to 95% effective. Reputable studies support this; for example, here's a couple of them:

Natural immunity is better

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(21\)00782-0/fulltext#.YHXLE2Ct41c.twitter](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)00782-0/fulltext#.YHXLE2Ct41c.twitter)

Natural immunity, T-cells & variants

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-variants-idUSKBN2BM3BZ>

Natural immunity 8+ months maybe indefinite

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/lasting-immunity-found-after-recovery-covid-19>

Thank you!

Robin Tyner

Exeter, NH

757-635-7134



**Jennifer Horgan**

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**From:** tjcates@eagleswind.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** RE: OTP HB 542

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to you today and urge you to please vote **ought to pass on HB 542**.

Thank you!

Tammy Cates  
NH Citizen

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Michelle Veasey <michelle@nhbsr.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:29 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear Senators Carson, Gannon, French, Whitley, Kahn and Horgan,

New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) is writing to express its opposition to HB 542, Relative to Protection of Religious Liberty. While the bill resolves to protect religious liberty, it would provide the legal right to discriminate against other sectors of our population.

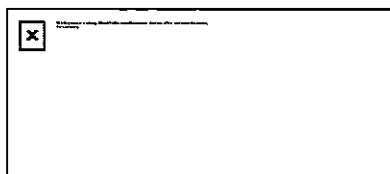
As we have communicated in our opposition to HB 544 and its insertion into the HB 2 budget, NHBSR stands in opposition to any legislation that seeks to discriminate against or devalue a group of our residents. We believe that to be competitive and innovative, we must foster diverse and inclusive work environments. The success of New Hampshire businesses depends on the ability to attract and retain a diverse and talented workforce, regardless of gender, religious affiliation, age, race, sexual orientation or gender identity.

The language of HB 542 is dangerous and does not represent the future we envision for our businesses and our state. We stand behind the Law Against Discrimination (NH RSA 354-A), which supports a strong, inclusive and innovative environment for businesses to thrive. We strongly encourage you, as our elected representatives, to protect our people, our businesses and the state as a whole from this dangerous legislation.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Veasey

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Michelle Veasey  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Lori Safford <lorisafford@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 3:23 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Cc:** 'Lori Safford'  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 542

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to please support HB 542 which will protect houses of worship in New Hampshire and categorize them as essential during states of emergency. I am grateful that it will also codify the general religious liberty protections that already exist here in NH.

Thanks so much,

Lori Safford  
Pelham, NH  
603-275-0924

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Brianna Marino <brianna.marino@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542-A

Good afternoon Senators,

I wanted to take a moment and let you know that I support HB 542-A (The Religious Liberty Act). Religious liberty was intended for all by the founding fathers. Not only should Americans be free to gather and worship (treated the same as any other group gathering), but we should also be free to practice our religion in our day to day life. Just as NH businesses are currently being asked to determine who is allowed to enter dependent upon their views of masks, shouldn't private businesses also be allowed to determine what constitutes a violation of their religious beliefs?

Organized religion of any type would not be able to exist if churches, temples, private schools, etc. were forced to hire staff that directly violated the tenants of their beliefs. Extending beyond their own moral codes, organized religious groups also contribute greatly to the needs of society. From food drives to support of the homeless, veterans and convicted, the benefits of allowing Americans to gather and live according to their beliefs reach beyond their own religious affiliations and into the community advancing the greater good.

Please vote in favor of HB 542-A and in favor of the freedom for ALL religions that America was founded upon.

~Brianna Marino  
Wilmot, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** John Correia <john.correia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** John Correia  
**Subject:** Please vote Ought to Pass on HB 542

**The Religious Liberty Act is focused on only two purposes. The first** is to protect churches from being treated worse than other essential services in states of emergency. This means when grocery stores are operating, so is the church. **It has no impact** on the application of neutral safety measures such as capacity restrictions or mask mandates.

**The second**, and lesser goal, is to codify the NH Supreme Court's *State vs. Mack* decision in state statute. The NH Supreme Court in its ruling, said New Hampshire courts must treat our state Free Exercise Clause just as it would treat any other constitutional right, such as freedom of speech. This doesn't mean these rights, including religious liberty, are absolute, but it does mean they should be considered using something called a "balancing test" which weighs the individual's rights against the specific interests of the government.

**HB 542 simply codifies the Mack decision in our state statutes.** The language used in the bill mirrors that of the NH Supreme Court in their decision. It will make clear that compelling interest is a factor when placing substantial burdens on our sincere religious practice during times of declared emergencies.

Please vote OTP on HB 542

John Correia  
Gilford

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Andrew J. Manuse <amanuse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 5:07 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Protect our fundamental rights. Please support HB 542 and HB 440

Hello Senators,

Please support HB 542 to protect our fundamental right to religious liberty and HB 440 to protect our civil liberties at all times. Our country has flourished for hundreds of years with a plurality of people with multiple ethnic and religious backgrounds free to pursue their own interests. This liberty enabled one of the best places to live in the world that flourished with blessings and prosperity for anyone willing to work for it. With global powers flexing their muscles and an ever-increasing federal government encroaching on these liberties, the time is now to make New Hampshire a place that reflects the liberties that this land has always represented and a refuge of liberty at a time when there is nowhere else to go. Please support both bills without amendment.

Thank you,  
Hon. Andrew J. Manuse  
603-703-8857  
Derry, NH

TO: NH Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Ian Huyett, General Counsel  
Cornerstone, PO Box 4683, Manchester NH 03108  
IHuyett@NHCornerstone.org

DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

RE: HB 542 — Religious Liberty Act

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This bill has two purposes. First, the bill will protect churches from being treated worse than other essential services in states of emergency. For example, the bill would prohibit churches from being totally closed by the government when services such as grocery stores and hospitals are still operating. Importantly, this rule will not prohibit the state from enacting neutral capacity restrictions, mask mandates, or other kinds of rules that affect churches. Although any restriction that substantially burdens religious exercise could be subject to a *Mack*-type challenge, that is already the law in New Hampshire under the *Mack* decision.

This first point is the true innovation of the bill. But, ironically, a second goal of the bill was the subject of much of today's debate. HB 542 also codifies the result of the New Hampshire Supreme Court's *Mack* decision in state statute. In light of the controversy in today's hearing, I will focus the remainder of my written testimony on this topic.

If there is any doubt about what *Mack* actually held, I refer you to page 19 of that decision as linked below. [1] There, the Court explained the holding simply: "[U]nder Part I, Article 5, once an individual establishes that... government action substantially burdens his or her sincere religious practice... the burden shifts to the State to show both that the government action is necessary to achieve a compelling government interest, and is narrowly tailored to meet that end." *State v. Mack*, 2020 N.H. LEXIS 206, \*42. Compare this to the language in 546-C:2, I of the proposed Religious Liberty Act. It is exactly the same protection.

As you have now seen, opponents of general religious liberty protections argue that they will permit invidious discrimination. They conjure up imagined scenarios in which Christian restaurants put up signs excluding gay customers, or Christian commercial landlords evict gay tenants.

But the example of New Hampshire already shows us that these accusations ring false. *Mack* has been the law in New Hampshire for five months. In that time, how many Christian restaurant owners or landlords have discriminated against LGBT people under the guise of religious liberty? As far the opponents of this bill have shown you, the answer is zero. In the bright light of *Mack*, we can see that this caricature of Christians is a phantom.

Real Christians I know desire, like Jesus, to associate with and befriend those with whom they disagree. Overwhelmingly, they do not wish to fire people with different values from for-profit businesses or deny them housing. They desire only for the law to respect religious pluralism and individual liberty.

But opposition to religious liberty is not truly grounded in fear of the nightmare scenarios you have been presented with. The reality is that a growing number of progressive organizations believe that Christian churches, schools, and other religious organizations must be compelled to hire people who do not accept their beliefs and practices—effectively dismantling all such organizations. They also aim for Christians like Elaine Huguenin, a New Mexico wedding photographer, to be legally forced to attend religious ceremonies with which they disagree. General religious liberty protections are contentious today—not because they permit invidious discrimination—but because they prevent authoritarians from maliciously imposing their will upon their opponents.

In today's hearing, critics of HB 542 suggested that corporations like Walmart might boycott New Hampshire over this bill. Of course, it's no secret that corporations have been successfully weaponized by progressives as a political bludgeon. But as the example of Georgia has just shown us, state legislators must simply accept corporate disapproval as an inherent risk posed by *any bill* that progressive organizations might oppose. Otherwise, corporate threats will soon dictate policy on everything from election reform to the state budget. "Once you have paid him the Dane-geld, you never get rid of the Dane."

On this specific bill, however, the threat of a corporate boycott is especially absurd. As explained above, our state Constitution already provides exactly the protections accorded in 546-C:2, I of HB 542. Opponents of HB 542 seem distressed only at the possible symbolic defeat of seeing these protections codified in state statute.

Finally, this bill is not based on any law or bill from Arizona. Those who suggest it is might be unaware that the "compelling interest" balancing test was the law everywhere in the United States, under federal constitutional law, prior to 1990. Since then, various states have attempted to return to this pre-1990 legal standard. Fortunately, under the *Mack* decision, New Hampshire already has.

As the New Hampshire Supreme Court said on page 21 of *Mack*, "[t]he compelling state interest balancing test has proven to be a workable standard in free exercise cases." The balancing test in *Mack*, and this bill, is just that: a balancing test. It does not categorically nullify non-discrimination laws. On the contrary, it ensures that both religious liberty and the state's interest in non-discrimination are accommodated. If America is to remain a pluralistic society, which respects minority and individual rights, then balancing tests of this kind must be upheld.

Thank you for your time; I would be happy to answer or discuss any further questions at the email address above.

Footnote:

[1] You can read the *Mack* decision here: <https://law.justia.com/cases/new-hampshire/supreme-court/2020/2019-0171.html>



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Rebecca Blake <rblake.nh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 6:03 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Dear Senate Judiciary Members,

I urge you to vote against HB 542.

HB542 was carefully written to make clear that businesses can use it against civil rights suits brought by individuals under New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination. This bill is a direct threat to the bipartisan progress made in NH to protect Granite Staters from discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The NH legislature has made momentous bipartisan progress on Transgender equality in recent years, and this bill flies in the face of that.

As a mother of two transgender adults, bills like this worry me. If you do not understand why our Transgender Granite Staters deserve equality under the law, and due to discrimination from others need YOUR protection, I urge you to get to know some transgender individuals. It is ignorance that make us fear that which we do not understand.

Thank you,

Rebecca Blake  
Portsmouth, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Emily VanPatten <emily.b.vanpatten@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 6:32 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542 support

Dear Committee,

Please vote Ought to Pass on HB 542. This Religious Liberty Protection Act is important for NH and for all of its citizens.

Emily VanPatten  
Deering, NH

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Tom Farmer <farmertom8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 8:42 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan

Please vote Ought to pass on the religious liberty bill. Thank you. Tom Farmer 322 Nashua st. Milford nh

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Donna Chick <chickfamily1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 9:50 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

Please protect my religious freedom tomorrow by supporting HB 542. Thank you!

Donna Chick  
Ossipee, NH

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Jon "maddog" Hall <jon.maddog.hall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 10:30 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Cc:** Jon 'maddog' Hall  
**Subject:** HB 542, "Relative to the protection of religious liberty."

Hello,

I am writing to oppose HB 542, a bill that is supposed to "protect religious liberty". The bulk of this bill is purported to protect people's right to peaceably assemble and pursue their religion.

First of all, no health requirement stopped people from pursuing their religion. They could continue to read their religious texts and pray to their deities. No government agency came into their homes to remove or burn their holy texts. No government agency required them to resign from their desired religion and join another one, or stop their adoration of their deities. After the health crisis passed, the houses of religion were allowed to open at full capacity.

When the U.S. Constitution guaranteed religious freedom they were reacting to the mandate of the Church of England, forcing its version of religion on people. However, houses of worship have to obey certain laws, such as zoning laws, building laws and other laws that are for the safety and welfare of the general public.

HB 542 states that "peacefully assembling" was curtailed, but so were many other types of "peaceable assembly" due to health issues. It was shown that in crowded areas, with no masks, that the COVID virus could spread, causing deaths not only to the worshipers but to non-worshipers alike.

If this bill is passed, it needs to be enforced for any religion. Satanism, Shamanism, or any other religion....and it is very hard to determine what is a "religion" and what is not. What is a "deeply held religious belief" and what is not.

For over thirty years I have been a brother in the Universal Life Church Monastery, which is a religion registered and recognized in California, with over twenty million registered members world-wide. There is nothing in this bill's definition of religion that would stop me from calling for a "peaceful assembly" in New Hampshire.

Only if it is shown that a religion is not allowed to peaceably assemble while other groups of similar size and circumstance are allowed to assemble, then should discrimination would be determined and there are already laws against that.

However a religious group should not be allowed to break civil laws or rules for health and safety just because they are a religious group.

Do not pass HB 542.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Hall, Brother  
Universal Life Church Monastery

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Darlene Warnke <lildar54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 10:47 PM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

I urge you to vote ought to pass on HB 542.

Thank you,

Darlene Warnke

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Barbara D. Reed <bdreed74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:08 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** HB 542

This bill will undermine anti-discrimination protections for people who do not believe in religion or in ways that others don't like. It would also allow businesses &/or their employees to discriminate against LGBTQ people as well. It would also allow anyone to use the argument that they don't have follow any state/local laws regarding civil rights in regards to employment, housing, and public accommodations. This bill is not about Freedom of Religion. Barbara D. Reed North Swanzey NH



## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Jennifer <jenn.dafeldecker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 7:54 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Pass, Ought to Pass HB 542

Dear Sharon, William, Harold, Becky, Jay, and Jennifer,

It's elementary in New Hampshire - religious liberty protection is essential for the democratic party's mission - no segregation, discrimination of any sort. Please push HB 542 forward for the sake of ALL of the New Hampshire citizens.

Thank you for working for our families futures,  
Jenn Dafeldecker  
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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** J. B. <jpreziosi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:45 AM  
**Subject:** Oppose HB542

I am emailing to express my concern over HB542 and to ask that you all oppose it. We are not a theocracy in this country and this bill would be the start of a slippery slope in granting special privileges to others for religious reasons.

## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Bob Greene  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:53 AM  
**To:** ~Senate Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** \*\*\*Please support HBs 625-FN, 542, 440, 233-FN\*\*\*

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I urge you to support civil liberties and the rights of the preborn by voting in favor of these bills:

- **HB 625-FN**, the Fetal Life Protection Act
- **HB 542**, the Religious Liberty Act
- **HB 440**, the Civil Liberties Defense Act
- **HB 233-FN**, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Bob Greene  
**New Hampshire State Representative**  
**Vice Chair, Legislative Administration Committee**  
**Judiciary Committee**  
Hillsborough District 37  
Hudson | Pelham  
603.880.3929



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## Jennifer Horgan

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**From:** Dan G. <deg121@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 9:47 AM  
**To:** Sharon Carson; William Gannon; Harold French; Becky Whitley; Jay Kahn; Jennifer Horgan  
**Subject:** Please support HB 542

Please vote OTP on HB 542.

thanks,  
Dan Groves  
Merrimack, NH

# Voting Sheets

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD**  
*2021-2022 Session*

Bill # HB542

Hearing date: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Session date: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion of: 1697 Vote: 3-2

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Reported out by: Carson

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# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 542**

AN ACT relative to the protection of religious liberty.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 3-2

AMENDMENT # 2021-1712s

Senator Sharon Carson  
For the Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-7875



**JUDICIARY**

**HB 542, relative to the protection of religious liberty.**

**Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.**

**Senator Sharon Carson for the committee.**

## General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

**Docket of HB542**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** (New Title) relative to the protection of religious liberty.**Official Docket of HB542.:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/12/2021	H	<b>Introduced</b> (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Judiciary <b>HJ 2 P. 53</b>
3/5/2021	H	Public Hearing: 03/05/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/97676008758">https://www.zoom.us/j/97676008758</a> / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
3/10/2021	H	Executive Session: 03/10/2021 09:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/95164452682">https://www.zoom.us/j/95164452682</a>
3/22/2021	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2021-0623h</b> (Vote 11-10; RC) <b>HC 18 P. 53</b>
3/22/2021	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
4/9/2021	H	Amendment <b>#2021-0623h</b> : AA VV 04/09/2021 <b>HJ 7 P. 8</b>
4/9/2021	H	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 2021-0623h: MA <b>RC 199-173</b> 04/09/2021 <b>HJ 7 P. 8</b>
4/13/2021	S	Introduced 04/08/2021 and Referred to Judiciary; <b>SJ 12</b>
5/6/2021	S	Remote <b>Hearing</b> : 05/11/2021, 02:15 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; <b>SC 23</b>
5/25/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2021-1712s</b> , 05/27/2021; <b>SC 25A</b>
5/27/2021	S	Committee Amendment <b>#2021-1712s</b> , RC 14Y-10N, AA; 05/27/2021; <b>SJ 17</b>
5/27/2021	S	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 2021-1712s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/27/2021; <b>SJ 17</b>
6/7/2021	H	House Non-Concurs with Senate Amendment 2021-1712s and Requests CofC (Reps. McLean, Wuelper, Sylvia, Alexander Jr.): MA VV 06/04/2021 <b>HJ 9 P. 51</b>
6/10/2021	S	Sen. Carson Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; <b>SJ 19</b>
6/10/2021	S	President Appoints: Senators Carson, Birdsell, Whitley; 06/10/2021; <b>SJ 19</b>
6/14/2021	H	Conference Committee Meeting: 06/14/2021 02:30 pm LOB 206-208
6/15/2021	S	Conferee Change; Senator Giuda Replaces Senator Whitley; <b>SJ 20</b>
6/16/2021	S	Conference Committee Report Filed, <b>#2021-1964c</b> ; 06/24/2021
6/24/2021	S	Conference Committee Report <b>#2021-1964c</b> ; RC 14Y-10N, Adopted; 06/24/2021; <b>SJ 20</b>
6/24/2021	H	Conference Committee Report 2021-1964c: Adopted, <b>RC 205-158</b> 06/24/2021.
7/21/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); <b>SJ 20</b>
7/23/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
8/16/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 08/10/2021; Chapter 191; Eff: 10/09/2021

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NH House

NH Senate

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# Other Referrals

June 14, 2021  
2021-1964-CofC  
05/04

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 542, relative to the protection of religious liberty.

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3 Recommendation:

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5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and  
6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

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8 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the  
9 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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11 Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following and renumbering the original  
12 sections 1-2 to read as 2-3, respectively:

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14 1 Title. This act may be known and cited as the New Hampshire religious liberty act.

Committee of Conference Report on HB 542

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 542, relative to the protection of religious liberty.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

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Sen. Carson, Dist. 14

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Rep. McLean, Hills. 44

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Sen. Birdsell, Dist. 19

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Rep. Wuelper, Straf. 3

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Sen. Giuda, Dist. 2

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Rep. Sylvia, Belk. 6

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Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 6

## Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HBS42

Senate Committee: Jud

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Final docket found on Bill Status

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Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

### Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

- amendment # 16975       - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

- amendment # 17125       - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

- amendment # \_\_\_\_\_       - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference): 1964

Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

Governor's Veto Message

### All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

as amended by the senate       as amended by the house

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