

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB275

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Introduced

HB 275 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

6Jan2022... 2235h

2021 SESSION

21-0749

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HOUSE BILL **275**

AN ACT relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

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COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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OTP/A 10-8

SENATE EDQA: OTP 5-0 CONSENT

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14 VETOED May 27, 2022

Committee Minutes

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Chantell Wheeler 271-1403

HB 275, relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Hearing Date: April 6, 2022

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Carson

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Rep. Testerman

Who supports the bill: Rep. Tony Lekas, Rep. Blasek, Rep. Prout and Julie Smith. There are 138 individuals who signed up remotely in support of this bill.

Who opposes the bill: Jill Weber, Claudia Damon, Barbara Reed, Ed Friedrich, Annie Rettew, Andrew Jones, Gary Devore, Maureen Ellermann, Jeanne Torpey, Deborah Jakubowski, Birdie Mooney, Elizabeth Corell, Susan Richman, Benjamin Stinson, Nancy Brennan, Nancy Greenwood, Laurie Koch, Maura Willing

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Lekas introduced the bill and submitted written testimony.

- This bill cleans up House Bill 2. The most important change is giving the governor the authority to declare a state of emergency for up to 21 days with the option to renew up to 3 times. After this initial 84 days, the emergency is either over or will transition into a management phase. At this point the legislature should get involved.
- Legislation should look to the future. After 84 days the legislature would need to meet to extend the emergency declaration for up to 90 days at a time, with the ability to renew without limits.

- It is hard to imagine a disaster that would prevent the legislature from meeting (barring an invasion and/or occupation).

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 6, 2022

Speakers

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Date: 04/06/2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing on: ~~HB 275~~

Please check box(es) that apply.
SPEAKING FAVOR OPPOSED

NAME (Please print)

REPRESENTING

Julie Smith

myself

~~WAA~~

REP TONY CERAS

HILLS 37

Rep Melissa Black

Hills 21

Senate Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB275 on 2022-04-06

Support: 138 Oppose: 18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Leone, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Leone, Rose	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Roy, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
glidden, deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Courchaine, Sarah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Memer, Kelly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Minehart, Will	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Trexler, Larisa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Trexler, Ryan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Barassi, Tina	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McKinney, Carolyn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Moore, Kristen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Panek, Taylour	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bemis, Ashley	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Doughty, Patrick	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Comstock, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Panek, Thomas	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Panek, Charles	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Panek, Sandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cedolin, Alexandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cedolin, Bradley	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wilson, Audra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wilson, Rock	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
LaLone, Ed	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cushman, Leah	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Cushman, Stephen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rojas, Cali	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Faunce, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Faunce, Thomas	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rojas, Emily	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Nadreau, Courtney	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Nadreau, Todd	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McCartney, Michelle	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McCartney, Evan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Kishinevsky, Rebecca	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
O'Donnell, Kristy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
O'Donnell, Brian	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Phillips, Emily	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Howland, Curtis	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Manuse, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bowers, Steven	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bowers, Danielle	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jensen, Jean	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bemis, Amanda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
deMartelly, E	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McLeod, Thomas	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McLeod, Raphaela	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McLeod, Ferngold	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Avery, Tara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Clendenen, Faith	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
House, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Economakis, Melissa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jorgensen, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wester, Jessica	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Weber, Jill	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Etlinger, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DiMasi, Alisha	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Damon, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Sylvia, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Palm, Renee	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Reed, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Millman, Linda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Johnson, Paula	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Mack, Donald	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hand, Cathy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Archanbault, Luanna	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Strycharz, Sarah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Diggins, Margie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gladders, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DuBose, Joseph	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
FRIEDRICH, ED	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Saba, Robin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rettew, Annie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Sommese, Cheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jones, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Devore, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Ellermann, Maureen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
SKIDMORE, CLARENCE	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cook, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Medeiros, Jesse	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cloutier, Suzanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Guyen, Taci	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Johnson, Vivian	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
graustein, alan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Albrecht, Tom	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Enos, Liz	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hinckley, Cheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Young, Tim	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lozito, Patrick	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lozito, Viola Marie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Maillet, Brenda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Maillet, Ivan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Goss, Harlyene	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Le Doux, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Timmins, Courtney	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Timmins, Jeremiah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Torpey, Jeanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Garnett, Marikaye	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jakubowski, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Grady, Virginia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Murphy, Kevin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lussier, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Mara, Jessica Kuncik	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
schade, kate	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
schade, stephen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
dizillo, joseph	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
purnell, liz	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
LaPointe, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rousseau, Michael	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Roy, Lucy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gannon, Cathleen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Kauffman, Jeri	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Valerie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Kurt	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Mooney, Birdie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Barton, Marjorie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Kliskey, Jessica	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Owens, Kimberly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
kirsch, walter	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Corell, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
St. Peter, Holly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cowie, Roberta	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Anderson, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brocius, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
CRITTENDEN, JAMES	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cornier, Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Dyer, Allison	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Beane, Julia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cope, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Alberu, Mimi	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
See, Alvin	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support
Richman, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Stinson, Benjamin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
chapman, kevin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cembalisty, Clara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cembalisty, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Delano, Janie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Owens, Brady	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brennan, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Haefner, Aly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Mark	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Christopher	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Brigid	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Sean	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Benjamin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Haefner, Mary Catherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Petrusewicz, Carol	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Willing, Maura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Morin, Eric	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Koch, Laurie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
S, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Young, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony

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From: Michelle Slack <khrisma888@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 8:22 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

Dear committee members I am asking you to please Support this Bill HB 275. Thank you !

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From: royz7777us@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Harold French; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Gary Daniels; Kevin Avar; Cindy Rosenwald; Sharon Carson; Becky Whitley; John Reagan; Regina Birdsell; Lou D'Allesandro; Chuck Morse; William.gagnon@leg.state.nh.us; Tom Sherman
Subject: HB 275

Dear Senators:

Please advance HB 275 as OTP to the Senate floor for a vote this week. I'm dismayed that this bill, which should have been fast-tracked for passage based on the budget deal, has been sitting idle in a Senate committee. The Senate and Governor agreed to this language in order to garner support from House Freedom Caucus members. It's time for the Senate to honor its side of the deal.

Mary Roy
Lifelong NH Citizen

Sent from my iPad

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From: Janis Anthes <j.anthes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:28 PM
To: James Gray; Erin Hennessey; Bob Giuda; Jeb Bradley; David Watters; Suzanne Prentiss; Harold French; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Jay Kahn; Gary Daniels; Kevin Avard; Cindy Rosenwald; Sharon Carson; Becky Whitley; Kevin Cavanaugh; John Reagan; Donna Soucy; Regina Birdsell; Lou D'Allesandro; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Chuck Morse; Tom Sherman
Subject: Support for HB 275

We understand that the Senate agreed to pass HB 275 in this session in order to get the budget passed last session. We support that in a State of Emergency that the House and Senate must vote to continue it and if they do not vote, then it ends automatically on the originally specified date that it would end. This returns the control of State of Emergencies to the people of NH via the Legislature.

We are asking you to vote yes for this bill.

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

Sent from Mail for Windows

Chantell Wheeler

From: MD Anderson <elfskid@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:41 PM
To: Erin Hennessey; Bob Giuda; Jeb Bradley; David Watters; Suzanne Prentiss; James Gray; Harold French; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Jay Kahn; Gary Daniels; Kevin Avard; Cindy Rosenwald; Sharon Carson; Becky Whitley; Kevin Cavanaugh; John Reagan; Donna Soucy; Regina Birdsell; Lou D'Allesandro; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Chuck Morse; William Gannon; Tom Sherman
Subject: Support HB 275

Please support HB 275, the legislation previously agreed upon by the house & governor to protect the rights of NH citizens during emergencies.

Thanks,
Mary Anderson
20 Elm St
Plaistow NH 03865

Chantell Wheeler

From: andrew friedrich <andrewfriedrich@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Erin Hennessey; Bob Giuda; Jeb Bradley; David Watters; Suzanne Prentiss; James Gray; Harold French; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Jay Kahn; Gary Daniels; Kevin Avard; Cindy Rosenwald; Sharon Carson; Becky Whitley; Kevin Cavanaugh; John Reagan; Donna Soucy; Regina Birdsell; Lou D'Allesandro; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Chuck Morse; William Gannon; Tom Sherman
Subject: SUPPORT - HB275

As a NH voter from Hampton Beach, I Encourage the Senate to SUPPORT HB 275 this week.

The language of this bill is important, it theorizes that a Constitutional Republic is the natural condition of government and that both the House and Senate ought to have to vote to continue a State of Emergency, and otherwise it should automatically end. NO EXTENSIONS, END!!!!

An agreement was made among House leaders, the Senate and the governor to accept our language in exchange for a positive vote for the budget.

I ask then to honor their agreement.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Friedrich

Sent from Mail for Windows

Chantell Wheeler

From: rockymtn80 <rockymtn80@Comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB275

Good morning,

I SUPPORT HB275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you for your time,

Brenda Leonard

Chantell Wheeler

From: walter kirsch <kirschwalterf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency – if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Representative Tony Lekas Hillsborough 37

April 6th, 2022

Comments on HB 275 relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

When an emergency strikes, the Governor needs the power to deal with the situation promptly. This bill permits the Governor to declare a state of emergency for up to 21 days. He can then renew that state of emergency up to three times for up to 21 days each. This permits the Governor to maintain his emergency powers for up to 84 days without requiring the legislature to meet.

Emergencies have more than one phase. There is the initial phase which requires quick and decisive action which the Governor is better suited to than the legislature. However, after the immediate problems have been dealt with the emergency transitions to a management phase where there are still serious problems that may last for a long time but the situation does not require the same level of urgent response as the initial phase.

After the initial phase the people of New Hampshire need to be involved in the process through their legislators.

If the legislature believes that the state of emergency should last beyond 84 days it may vote to renew it for up to 90 days at a time and can renew it as often as needed.

Concern has been raised that there may be a need to extend the state of emergency but that it might be impossible for the legislature to meet.

Even during the recent emergency the legislature was able to meet in less than that amount of time. We have shown that we have the creativity and flexibility to meet and do our duty even under difficult circumstances.

While current statute permits the legislature to meet and vote to end a state of emergency there is a significant difference between the legislature having the power to meet to end a state of emergency and it being required to meet to extend one. Meeting and voting to extend the state of emergency makes it clear to our constituents that we are doing our job representing them rather than sitting on our hands and leaving the responsibility to the Governor.

Part I Article 37 our constitution states in part "In the government of this state, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the legislative, executive,

and judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of, each other, as the nature of a free government will admit...”.

A state of emergency is a truly extraordinary thing. It is the suspension of this constitutionally mandated separation of powers. While that may be necessary to respond quickly to an emergency, after some point in time it is no longer justified and the legislature must resume its constitutionally mandated task of guiding the way any remaining problems created by the emergency are managed. That must be an active role, not just standing aside and acquiescing to whatever the Governor chooses to do.

Also, if the state of emergency does need to extend beyond 84 days the legislature should have the Governor's back and actively declare its support of how the emergency is being handled. If there is opposition to the state of emergency we should share in the blame or credit of extending it. That is our responsibility as representatives of our constituents

Legislation affects the future. This bill is not a referendum on how the recent state of emergency was handled. Even if we believe that the current Governor handled the recent emergency perfectly, we need to consider the possibility that a future Governor may respond in a less appropriate manner.

Chantell Wheeler

From: Maritza Corriveau <maritzalynn16@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 2:06 PM
To: Denise Ricciardi; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Sharon Carson; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

Hello All,

I am writing today in my support HB 275 and I ask for your support of it as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency – if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you for your time and and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maritza Corriveau
Dover, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Andrew J. Manuse <amanuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 6:59 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Please support HB 275

Honorable Members of N.H. Senate Committee on Executive Departments and Administration.

Today I present testimony in favor of HB 275, "an act relative to the governor's power to initiate a state of emergency and various emergency powers," a bill I believe would change state law to clarify executive power during a State of Emergency to preclude the overreach we witnessed in 2020 and the first part of 2021.

This language would make a simple change to the law as amended last year. Call it a "housekeeping measure," but a critically important one. To give you a quick overview of the difference between what passed last year and HB 275, contrast this language in HB 275 with section 91:459 of HB 2. The language that became law in HB 2 theorizes that a State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. This language represents a fundamental misunderstanding of the foundations of our Constitutional Republic. The language in HB 275 corrects this and theorizes that a Constitutional Republic is the natural condition of government and that both the House and Senate ought to have to vote to continue a State of Emergency, and otherwise it should automatically end.

Part 1, Article 29 of the state Constitution makes it clear that only the Legislature may suspend or enact laws in New Hampshire, and Part 2, Article 5 makes it clear that these same laws may not be "repugnant to the Constitution." Arguably, RSA 4:45 should align with these principles, and I believe with this bill and HB 440, which is on the governor's desk, our law will be brought back into alignment with the Constitution.

To be clear, the governor ought to have the right to declare a State of Emergency; after all, he or she is managing the day-to-day operations of the state and will have access to the most up-to-date information. However, the governor ought to be checked before extending a State of Emergency to prevent abuse of power, and the automatic end of the State of Emergency after 90 days without a positive vote of the Legislature adds an additional check against political forces having an impact on the situation.

We elect a Legislature of 424 men and women precisely because we disagree on how best to manage the state, and it is in that disagreement and compromise that we come up with sound policy that is suitable for the most people. Ideally, that policy creates a "rule of law" that governs everyone equally, so that even the minority is protected by it. We saw this process thwarted in 2020 and 2021, as the executive branch crafted policy that did not take everything into consideration. Whether the policy was sound or not, it was not properly vetted under the Constitutional system that we set up to make sure that it is. This bill, with HB 440, will decrease the chances of this ever happening again. We have to consider the potential of a less reasonable governor in the corner office in the future and put these protections in place to prevent potential abuses of power.

The idea behind the changes proposed by HB 275 is that the people should always be in charge of their government, through their Legislature, and they also ought to keep autonomy over their own lives, property and businesses. I urge you to pass it.

Thank you,
Hon. Andrew J. Manuse
3 Lee Circle, Derry, NH 03038
603-703-8857

Chantell Wheeler

From: libde@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 7:07 PM
To: libde@myfairpoint.net
Subject: HB 275

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well.

The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire.

The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it.

Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

E. deMartelly
146 Nubanusit Rd.
Nelson, NH
03457

Chantell Wheeler

From: David Levavi <david.levavi@protonmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 7:12 PM
To: david.levavi@protonmail.com
Subject: HB275

Dear Sir/Madam:

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our State of Emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you,

David Levavi
Manchester

Chantell Wheeler

From: Tom Carroll <tcarroll2839@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin.Cavanaugh@leg.state.nh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

Sharon.Carson@leg.state.nh.us;John.Reagan111@gmail.com;Kevin.Cavanaugh@leg.state.nh.us;Denise.Ricciardi@leg.state.nh.us;Suzanne.Prentiss@leg.state.nh.us;chantell.wheeler@leg.state.nh.us

DEAR SENATORS,

I FULLY SUPPORT HB275 FOR NH!!!

AS REPRESENTIVES OF THE PEOPLE YOU ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT HB275.

THE USA/NEW HAMPSHIRE IS A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC NOT A DEMOCRACY. ANY STATE OF EMERGENCY DOES NOT AND WILL NOT SUSPEND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

THE CORRUPT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST NOT HAVE INVOLVEMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE EMERGENCY STATUTES.

IT MUST BE LEFT TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE.

STOP GOVERNMENT OVERREACH AND CORRUPTION AND DO YOUR JOBS HONORABLY.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

THOMAS B. CARROLL
(USMC)

Chantell Wheeler

From: Dan <sales@ipodfixit.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:30 PM
To: Sharon Carson
Subject: Regarding HB275

I don't write much but in this case I heartedly support HB275, and I ask that you also support it. As a business owner, the COVID restrictions demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute and to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state in NH. The State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency. The representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you
Dan Millet
Berlin, NH 03570

Chantell Wheeler

From: JM <joannmcclellan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:42 PM
To: JoAnn McClellan
Subject: SUPPORT HB 275

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so. The COVID era sounded the alarm for the need to reform NH state of emergency statute to affirm that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in the state of New Hampshire not something that should ever have to be voted upon to re-secure it.

The language of the current statute upholds State of Emergency as "the natural condition of government" and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it - THAT IS ALARMING AT BEST. IT SHOULD BE EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

JoAnn McClellan
Mont Vernon, NH 03057

Chantell Wheeler

From: BARBARA MACK <sunhunter@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 9:28 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: In Suport of HB275

Dear Senator,

Please support HB275.

As a representative democracy, we believe the legislature should decide if a true state of emergency exists and should also vote to retain a state of emergency.

Thank you.

Donald and Barbara Mack

Candia, NH 03034

Chantell Wheeler

From: Deb Roux <bealight2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 9:33 PM
Subject: Please support HB 275

Hello Senator,

Please support HB 275. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency – if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

I will be praying for you to support HB 275.

Thank you and God bless,

Deb

Chantell Wheeler

From: Michelle Slack <khrisma888@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 9:41 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275 Support

Dear committee members I am asking you to please support this Bill HB 275 Thank you ! .

Chantell Wheeler

From: Kristal Tanguay <kristalf82@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 10:44 PM
Subject: Support HB 275

Dear Members,

I am writing to express my support of HB275, and I earnestly desire that you would also.

During COVID even though many aspects were handled well; one major aspect needs to be corrected. As a New Hampshire citizen, I am a part of a Constitutional Republic. During COVID, my liberty under this constitutional republic was undermined by the current language of the statutes. This correction would clarify that a state of emergency is not the natural condition of NH and that our representatives should vote to continue a state of emergency if needed. They should not have to vote to end a state of emergency.

Thank you,

Kristal Tanguay
Derry, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Paula <pjj53@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:02 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Re: HN275

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am in support of HB275, and I ask that you please support this bill.. Since the COVID era, it has demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify (make it more clear and understanding for ALL) that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Our State House is called the PEOPLE'S House and we should protect our rights (the People's) in NH and always put the people first.

I'm asking that you all support HB275.

Thank you,

Mrs. P. Johnson

Chantell Wheeler

From: Vin Armstrong <vaacpa@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 6:50 AM
To: Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB275

Dear members of the Senate committee,

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergenc—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Vin Armstrong
Lancaster, NH

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Chantell Wheeler

From: Carolyn McKinney <carolyn.mckinney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Cc: Tom Allen
Subject: Support HB275

Dear Senators,

It has come to my attention that HB275, relative to state of emergency statute, will have a hearing on Wednesday, April 6. I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well.

The COVID-era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government, and it requires both the House and Senate to vote to end a State of Emergency. Instead, we need to reverse that paradigm, making clear that a constitutional republic is the natural state of government in New Hampshire, thus requiring the legislature to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency. If a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People will have the wisdom to extend a State of Emergency.

Regards,
Carolyn McKinney
Amherst, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Cindy <flinnrcarter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 10:30 AM
Subject: HB275

Dear Senators,

I support HB275, and I ask you to do so as well.

The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire.

The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it.

Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergenc—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Please support HB275.

Respectfully,

Cindy F Carter
283 Ashby Rd
New Ipswich, NH 03071

Chantell Wheeler

From: johncaw@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:03 AM
Subject: HB 275

Honorable Senators,

My name is John Cawthron.
I live in Nashua, NH.

I am writing you today to ask that you support HB 275.
I did not write the statement below but I agree with it 100%.

"The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire.

The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination."

As you know, our system of government relies on checks and balances, so that no one branch becomes dominant. Allowing one person, the governor, to declare and extend a state of emergency ad-nauseum, does not fit that model.

Please support HB 275 and restore the checks and balances needed to keep our freedoms and preserve the type gov't that has been working well for us for these past 235+ years.

Respectfully,

John Cawthron

Chantell Wheeler

From: Alan Graustein <alangraustein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB275

Please support HB275 and leave the decision re: state of emergency in the hands of the elected representatives of the citizens of NH.

Thank you,

Alan Graustein
Sanbornton, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: dsommese@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:19 AM
Subject: HB275

Dear Senator:

We are at a pivotal time in history, and the actions we take today will directly impact the children of tomorrow. For this reason, I am in support of HB275 and respectfully request that you support this bill, as well.

Regrettably, due to a pandemic, the past two years have weakened the people's position. Whether you believe the sole COVID narrative that was ubiquitously broadcast or something different is really not the point. The point is that during a State of Emergency, the Representatives of the People should be the ones to make the determination as to whether retaining the aforesaid condition makes sound sense.

Thank you, I earnestly pray that the freedom our Founding Fathers fought so fastidiously to attain will be upheld by federal and state legislators alike, but may these laudable individuals be particularly mindful in protecting such rights when confronted with undemocratic agendas that can only serve to destabilize the people.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Sommese
Londonderry

Chantell Wheeler

From: Tom Allen <tallen@sophiainstitute.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB275

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my support for HB275 (relative to the state of emergency statute) and to encourage you to support it as well.

The language of the current statute operates on the assumption that a "state of emergency" is the natural condition of government, which of course it is not, and it requires both the House and Senate to vote to *end* a State of Emergency. What we need to do instead is reverse that assumption and make it clear that a *constitutional republic* is the natural state of government in New Hampshire, thus requiring the legislature to vote to *retain* any expiring State of Emergency.

True emergencies in the future will no doubt inspire the representatives of the People to issue new States of Emergency. If they're not allowed to expire, then they never will, and lockdowns and mandates will become the rule rather than the exception and our freedoms will be lost. I see what's happening in Shanghai right now and recognize that this same nightmare scenario could happen in America if we don't remain vigilant.

Please support HB275.

Thank you,

Tom Allen
Nashua, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Bikers <bikeerz@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:16 PM
Subject: HB275 - please support

Dear Representatives,

Please support HB275, and show us that you work for the people's best interest. COVID-related emergency statute turned into an opportunity for some government to violate our constitution. Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire, and the current language of the statute is unacceptable in our free state, as it implies that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government. Show integrity and respect for the oath you took by voting in favor of HB275.

Thank you,
Lucy Roy
North Hampton, NH

Sent from my iPad

Chantell Wheeler

From: Julie Ledoux <jbizzbuzz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: SUPPORT—HB 275 SUPPORT --- HB 275

Please support HB 275

We agree that a Constitutional Republic is the natural condition of government that ought to be protected no matter what emergency faces the state.

Period.

Mark and Julie Le Doux
Hollis, NH 03049

julie's bizz-buzz
jbizzbuzz@gmail.com

Chantell Wheeler

From: Denis Swords <denis@follansbeeinn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Denis Swords
Subject: HB 275

I strongly support HB275. Unfortunately I will be traveling this Wednesday so cannot make it to the capitol, but otherwise I would be present showing my support. I ask you to support HB275 as well.

The government reaction to Covid clearly demonstrated the necessity to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency so that it must demonstrate that a true emergency exists. In the end, our elected representatives should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you for your support,

Denis C. Swords
PO BOX 92
North Sutton, NH 03260
(603) 927-4221

denis@follansbeeinn.com

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Chantell Wheeler

From: Carol Sutcliffe <carolsutcliffe@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler; governorsununu@nh.gov
Subject: I support HB 275

Dears Sirs and Madams,

I support HB 275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency – if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that decision.

Sincerely,
Carol Sutcliffe

Chantell Wheeler

From: David Levavi <david.levavi@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:08 PM
To: David Levavi
Subject: HB 275

Dear Sir/Madam:

I support HB 275 and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our State of Emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you,

David Levavi
Manchester

Chantell Wheeler

From: curtsep <curtsep@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

I support **HB 275**, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergenc—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

From,

Mr Curtis Seppala
Rindge NH

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Chantell Wheeler

From: eileen tbisoftware.com <eileen@tbisoftware.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:27 PM
To: eileen tbisoftware.com
Subject: HB275

Good evening,

Thank you for serving the people of our State. In that regard please support HB 275. I understand that you already agreed to this in order to garner support for your budget last year. Please follow through with your word because at the end of the day that is what represents you and how you will be remembered.

Thank you,
Eileen Valliere
Hampstead, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Cathy G <cathyanne603@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:36 PM
To: Cathy G
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 275

I am a supporter of HB275 and I am asking that you support this crucial bill as well. The last 2 years have demonstrated why it is imperative to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural condition of government that ought to be protected no matter what emergency faces the state.

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Respectfully,

Cathleen Gannon
Dover, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Michael Sutcliffe <exempt@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:47 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: I support HB 275, and I ask you to do so as well...

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Respectfully,

Mike Sutcliffe

Chantell Wheeler

From: Michelle Slack <khriema888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:50 PM
To: Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler; Denise Ricciardi; Kevin Cavanaugh; Sharon Carson; John Reagan
Subject: Please Support HB 275

I Support HB 275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergenc—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination. Thank you !

Chantell Wheeler

From: Tina Hood <tina.hood7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:50 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB 275

Dear Senators,

I respectfully request that you support HB 275. The events during, and after, the rise of the Covid virus have shown that it is necessary to make certain that the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire is that of a Constitutional Republic.

If there is to be any extension of a State of Emergency, both the Senate and House should be required to vote to extend such a status, as representatives of the People.

Thank you for supporting freedom and upholding the Constitution in this matter.

Regards,
Tina Hood
578 Ashby Rd
New Ipswich, NH 03071
603-265-0744



Frederick Douglass On The Three Boxes Of Civil Rights

“A man’s rights rest in three boxes. The ballot box, jury box, and the cartridge box. Let no man be kept from the ballot box because of his color. Let no woman be kept from the ballot box because of her sex.”

Speech, 15 November 1867 as quoted in Robin Van Auken, Louis E. Hunsinger, *Williamsport: Boomtown on the Susquehanna* (Charleston, SC : Arcadia, 2003), 57.

Chantell Wheeler

From: Zachary Touba <zach.touba@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 8:44 PM
To: Chantell Wheeler
Subject: In consideration of Senate hearing 4/6/22

Dear Senator Carson,

My family and I support HB 275 and strongly urge you to consider your support. As NH law is today, we've witnessed that it's far too easy for a state of emergency to continue on without a timely check from the general court. While we can compare and say certainly some other states have done worse, this is New Hampshire; the Live Free or Die state, the beacon of freedom in the Northeast, a state full of diverse thought and independent voters. We can all acknowledge that being able to declare a state of emergency is necessary. However to leave things as they are now, where a state of emergency can continue on until a vote is held and passed to end it is absurd and leaves the door open to abuse. Our elected representatives who are held accountable by we the people should be required to vote regularly to keep a state of emergency going, not the other way around. This acts as a check against an overreach of government power and gives the people multiple opportunities to make their voices heard to their representatives on whether we need to extend future state of emergencies. This will strengthen our beautiful republic. My family asks that you please support HB 275 in this critical vote.

Regards,
Zach Touba
c. 603-417-8320

Chantell Wheeler

From: Bonnie Faulkner <bstonge1021@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 10:54 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275

I support HB 275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you for your service and again, please support HB 275.

Bonnie St.Onge

Chantell Wheeler

From: april naftali <aprilnaftali@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:00 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB 275

I am writing in support of HB 275, and would like to encourage you to support the bill as well. We the people of New Hampshire are the representatives of ourselves and our freedoms, our elected officials represent us and our desires. The past two years of COVID over reach and loss of our civil liberties have made it obvious that we need to put the power back to the desire of the people.

If a true state of emergency were to happen again, the people need to be protected from further government overreach no matter what.

Our civil liberties must be protected.

Chantell Wheeler

From: MICHAEL O'BRIEN <obie6_7@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler; Masons; Reto; Mary O'Brien; mlschissel@gmail.com; Dr. Shirley
Subject: No lockdown without representation

I support HB 275, and I ask you to do so as well. The COVID era demonstrated the need to reform our state of emergency statute to clarify that a Constitutional Republic is the natural state of affairs in New Hampshire. The language of the current statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the natural condition of government and requires both the House and Senate to vote to end it. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency—if a true emergency exists, the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Sincerely, Michael OBrien

38 Bishops landing Sunapee. NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: David Cope <davidcope2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:55 PM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: Support HB275
Importance: High

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee Members,

Please support HB275. New Hampshire needs emergency powers reforms.
The NH legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency.

The governor should not be acting independently without checks and balances on his power.
The representatives of the people should be the ones to make that determination.

Thank you,
David Cope
Hancock, NH

Chantell Wheeler

From: Carol <clmcc2befree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 7:49 AM
To: Sharon Carson; John Reagan; Kevin Cavanaugh; Denise Ricciardi; Suzanne Prentiss; Chantell Wheeler
Subject: HB 275 please SUPPORT

Senate Committee members,

Since we have been living in "times of emergency," it is critical that our statutes are clearly defined so that they are not abused.

Only the Legislative Branch, the most powerful branch, should be allowed to decide if we need to continue a state of emergency. They can always call one as well, sharing that duty with the Executive branch.

Checks and balances against over reach only work when we use them. This statute is a way to help remind both branches and the citizens of NH of the correct jurisdictional lines.

Thank you for supporting HB 275.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carol Petruszewicz

Chantell Wheeler

From: Heather P. Harada <h.harada@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:20 PM
Subject: SUPPORT HB 275

I am emailing to say ***you should SUPOORT HB 275***. I am.

The current language of the statute upholds a paradigm that State of Emergency is the ***natural condition of government AND*** requires **both** the House and Senate to vote to ***end it***. Instead, the legislature should be required to vote to retain an expiring State of Emergency- if a true emergency exists. the representatives of the People should be the ones to make that determination.

Sincerely,
Heather Harada
Keene, NH

Voting Sheets

**Senate Executive Departments and
Administration Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2022 Session**

Bill # HB275

Hearing date: 4/6/2022

Executive Session date: 4/20/2022

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Carson, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Reagan, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ricciardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Cavanaugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Prentiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Sen. Prentiss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Carson

Notes: _____

Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # HB 275

Hearing date: N/A
 Executive session date: 05/03/22
 Motion of: OTP

VOTE: 7-0

<u>Made by</u> Daniels <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Seconded</u> Daniels <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Reported</u> Daniels <input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: _____ VOTE: _____

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Senator Reagan, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Hennessey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Morse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Amendments: _____

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration
to which was referred **HB 275**

AN ACT relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill
OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Sharon Carson
For the Committee

This bill modifies the powers the legislature grants to the Governor related to a state of emergency. This bill permits the Governor to declare a state of emergency for up to 21 days, that can be renewed up to three times for up to 21 days each, without involving the legislature. This permits the Governor to maintain emergency powers for up to 84 days. This bill also grants the legislature the power to meet and terminate individual emergency orders.

Chantell Wheeler 271-1403

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 275**

AN ACT relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

Senator Bob Giuda
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

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5/5/2022	S	Ought to Pass : MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/05/2022; SJ 11
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Other Referrals

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

May 27, 2022

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 275

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 27, 2022, I have vetoed House Bill 275, relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Last session, I signed into law numerous reforms to the Governor's Emergency Powers codifying the transparency that was practiced in the current pandemic and giving the legislature a greater role in future States of Emergency.

If signed into law, this legislation would allow inaction by the State Legislature (such as the inability or unwillingness to meet) to end critical services necessary to serve the people of our state.

It is irresponsible to further bind a future Governor's ability to address and respond in a crisis, especially when the Legislature already has the power to suspend a State of Emergency at anytime.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 275.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

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