

## HCR 2 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0633

04/08

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION      **2**

A RESOLUTION      relative to condemning recent vandalism and intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship and public spaces, elected officials and against the general citizens of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS:      Rep. Parshall, Ches. 8; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 10; Rep. Germana, Ches. 1; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 11; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 10; Rep. Bay, Straf. 21

COMMITTEE:      Executive Departments and Administration

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### ANALYSIS

This concurrent resolution condemns recent vandalism and intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship and public spaces, elected officials and against the general citizens of New Hampshire.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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1 Whereas, the New Hampshire general court condemns all hate speech whether these acts are  
2 perpetrated covertly, publicly, or by e-mail and social platforms; and

3 Whereas, multiple documented occurrences of hate speech in New Hampshire include recent  
4 threats against a reporter, high school student, a recent immigrant, and 3 members of the New  
5 Hampshire house of representatives; and

6 Whereas, documented incidences of vandalism have been reported in our high schools,  
7 cemeteries, places of worship, public spaces and national parks; and

8 Whereas, it is incumbent upon the house of representatives to stand on the side of love, and seek  
9 every available avenue to condemn and combat hate speech as a cancer within our society; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the state of New  
12 Hampshire:

13 I. Stands united in condemning hate, discrimination, and evil in all forms in violation of  
14 RSA 651:6-f; and

15 II. Rejects hate-motivated crime as an attack on the fabric of the society of the state and the  
16 ideals of pluralism and respect; and

17 III. Condemns hate crime and any other form of conduct that constitutes racism, religious or  
18 ethnic bias, sexual or gender discrimination, discrimination based on age, disability, marriage or  
19 familial status, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority contrary to law in the state;  
20 and

21 IV. Calls on state law enforcement officials:

22 (a) To expeditiously investigate all credible reports of discrimination, hate crimes, and  
23 incidents and threats against minorities contrary to law in the state; and

24 (b) To hold the perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, or threats or discrimination  
25 accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice; and

26 V. Shall work to improve the reporting of hate crimes and discrimination and emphasizing  
27 the importance of the agencies' collection and reporting of data pursuant to federal law; and

28 VI. Is encouraged to develop a task force led by the attorney general and appropriate state  
29 authorities to collaborate on the development of effective strategies and efforts to detect and deter  
30 hate crime and discrimination in order to protect minority communities; and

31 VII. Calls on the governor and executive council:

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1                   (a) To offer state assistance and security measures that may be available for victims of  
2 hate crimes and discrimination; and

3                   (b) To enhance security measures and improve preparedness for religious institutions,  
4 places of worship, and other institutions that have been targeted because of the affiliation of the  
5 institutions with any particular religious, racial, or ethnic minority in the state; and

6                   VIII. That the house clerk forward copies of this resolution to the governor, the executive  
7 council, the attorney general, and the colonel of the division of state police.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**March 15, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Executive Departments and  
Administration to which was referred HCR 2,**

**AN ACT relative to condemning recent vandalism and  
intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship  
and public spaces, elected officials and against the  
general citizens of New Hampshire. Having considered  
the same, report the same with the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Kimberly Abare**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Executive Departments and Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HCR 2</b>
Title:	<b>relative to condemning recent vandalism and intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship and public spaces, elected officials and against the general citizens of New Hampshire.</b>
Date:	<b>March 15, 2023</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This resolution is only a declaration that vandalism and intolerance is wrong. It does not provide any action beyond this. The committee heard testimony from its sponsor that the bill was brought about with recent aggression and vandalism against places of worship, elected officials, and general citizens of New Hampshire. The committee sees no reason to enact this bill into law where it does not do anything other than to declare that vandalism and intolerance is wrong, and there are already stronger laws in place to punish vandalism and intolerance.

Vote 13-7.

Rep. Kimberly Abare  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

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## To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Date: 3/15/23

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR 2**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to condemning recent vandalism and intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship and public spaces, elected officials and against the general citizens of New Hampshire.

**DATE:** March 15, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 10:10 a.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. C. McGuire, Sirois, T. Lekas, Bailey, True, T. Dolan, Abare, Gerhard, Grote, P. Schmidt, Goley, Schuett, O'Brien, F. Davis and Fitzpatrick

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Parshall**

**Rep. DiLorenzo**

**Rep. Germana**

**Rep. Newell**

**Rep. Mangipudi**

**Rep. W. Thomas**

**Rep. Harriott-Gathright**

**Rep. Bay**

**TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- Rep. Lucius Parshall
  - Cheshire 8
  - Sponsor of HCR2. Explained his reasons for the amendment. This bill is not a bill to enforce legislature, it is a resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk



# House Remote Testify

## Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HCR2 on 20 Support: 37   Oppose: 1   Neutral: 0   Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	
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March 15, 2023

Chair McGuire and Honorable Members of the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee,

I deeply regret that I cannot be in Concord to testify before the committee in support of HCR2. I offer this written testimony for your consideration.

In the wake of the unrestrained violence of *Reichskristallnacht* – on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 1938 – what shocked German Jews more than the brutality of the Nazi regime was the cold indifference of their fellow Germans. Most Germans were not actively or openly hostile to their Jewish neighbors, but few ever went out of their way to stand up for any persecuted group, including political dissidents, LGBTQ individuals, or the various ethnic minorities such as the Roma and the Sinti peoples. Many Germans who did not belong to these persecuted groups allowed themselves to believe that by remaining silent, by not actually participating in the dehumanization of their neighbors, their consciences could remain clean. We know too well the price that was ultimately paid for silence.

In the aftermath of the war, as the full truth of the atrocities was becoming terrifyingly clear, many Germans excused their silence by saying that they were, after all, living under a violent despotic regime. If they spoke up, they feared they would face the same consequences as the others. We do not live under the threat of a terroristic regime; we have the right to speak our minds without fear of violent state repression. What is our excuse, then, if we remain silent in the face of more frequent public displays of hateful racist, antisemitic, and anti-LGBTQ rhetoric? I hope everyone has seen the article that appeared in The Portsmouth Herald on March 9<sup>th</sup>, reporting that in 2022 New Hampshire saw a 383% increase in white supremacist propaganda activity over the previous year – 161 incidents in 13 communities.

([https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/local/2023/03/09/adl-white-supremacist-activity-hit-all-time-high-in-2022-in-nh-us/69989360007/?fbclid=IwAR2Mgbm0CtAa2Z91ICy46zwcyk\\_RS-eN-xiFH2G4lX6VHpNCjPruYf37I14](https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/local/2023/03/09/adl-white-supremacist-activity-hit-all-time-high-in-2022-in-nh-us/69989360007/?fbclid=IwAR2Mgbm0CtAa2Z91ICy46zwcyk_RS-eN-xiFH2G4lX6VHpNCjPruYf37I14))

This IS a problem in our state and now is the time for all of us to speak up! We talk a lot about the “New Hampshire Way” – to me there could be nothing more New Hampshire than an unequivocal condemnation of these hateful acts targeting our friends, family, and neighbors. We cannot allow the perpetrators of these acts to believe for one second that our communities will stand by and allow this hatred to take root.

I thank you all for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Nick Germana  
State Representative  
Keene – Cheshire 1  
Environment and Agriculture Committee

Cybele Grier

We must stand up and condemn the violence from white nationalists and racist individuals who are currently vandalizing businesses around the Seacoast.

Daniel Richardson

This is do-nothing feel-good legislation for political posturing. Not one actionable definitive item is specified. Its all sticky,goeey, moral candy and a huge waste of precious legislative time. It contains no metric for its implementation and no standard for its accomplishment. Being a resolution is appropriate ... it will get filed and nobody will remember it the next day.

Carla Billingham

I support HCR2 because it sends a strong message: The NH General Court is united against the violence and vandalism born of bigotry and discrimination.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HCR 2**

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**MOTIONS:** **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Abare

Seconded by Rep. Gerhard

Vote: 13-7

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk





STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

2023 SESSION

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Report

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: HCR2 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3-15-23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	✓		
Simon, Matthew J. Vice Chairman	✓		
Lekas, Tony	✓		
Bailey, Glenn	✓		
Santonastaso, Matthew	✓		
True, Chris	✓		
Dolan, Tom	✓		
Abare, Kimberly L	✓		
Gerhard, Jason	✓		
Sirois, Shane A	✓		
Grote, Jaci L.	✓		
Schmidt, Peter B.	.	✓	
Goley, Jeffrey P.	.	✓	
Schuett, Dianne E.	.	✓	
O'Brien, Michael B.	✓		
Wilhelm, Matthew B. <u>MAKING A PUD</u>	.	✓	
Davis, Fred E.		✓	
Fitzpatrick, Daniel W	✓		
Gould, Sherry L		✓	
Smith, Juliet L		✓	
TOTAL VOTE: <u>CHAIR</u>			

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