



**HOUSE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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**SB 119 – Directing Hospitals to Develop an Operational Plan for the Care of Patients with Dementia**

**Testimony**

Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the committee. My name is Paula Minnehan, Senior VP, State Government Relations for the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), and I am here representing all 26 of our state's community hospitals as well as all specialty hospitals.

NHHA supports SB 119, as amended by the Senate. We have been working with the Alzheimer's Association for several months on the language of the proposed bill. While we are supportive of the goals of the original legislation, we did have a couple concerns regarding implementation date and terminology of what shall be included in the operational plan. We appreciate the sponsor agreeing to amend the bill to address our concerns. We do support the bill before you today.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.