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NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICANS ENGAGED IN MODERN-DAY BOOK BURNING CAMPAIGN

CONCORD, NH- Today, the House Education Committee heard testimony on HB 1576, repealing the law relative to certain discrimination in public workplaces and education. After the hearing, **Prime Sponsor of the legislation Rep. Manny Espitia (D-Nashua)** released the following statement:

“Granite State students and teachers deserve better than to have their free speech gagged by Republicans in the legislature. We cannot provide a distorted and incomplete picture of the past as we prepare our students for the future. Preventing topics like racism, sexism, and disability be discussed in New Hampshire schools is a modern-day book burning campaign. Prohibiting actual discussion of our history renders us all doomed to repeat it.

Our society and the future of our state depends upon the education of our young people who we trust will become leaders across competitive industries, in government, and in our communities. HB 1576 must pass to repeal this dangerous restriction on free speech from New Hampshire law and I urge my colleagues to support it.”