New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Records

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Summary Information

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Abstract: This collection documents the day-to-day activities of the New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

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Historical Note

The New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty was comprised of numerous organizations and individuals who were committed to ending the death penalty in the state of New Hampshire through outreach, advocacy, and education. The Coalition included religious groups, human rights activists, and relatives of murder victims.

In May 2019, following the successful work of the Coalition and others, New Hampshire abolished the death penalty when the state Senate voted to override Gov. Chris Sununu's 2018 veto of a bill to repeal capital punishment. A week earlier the New Hampshire House also voted to override the veto.

Following the state's abolishment of capital punishment, the Coalition wound down from its multi-year efforts, but maintained a presence in the state to respond to any possible effort to reinstate the death penalty.
penalty and to share its journey with other organizations fighting to abolish the death penalty in other states or countries.
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Barbara Keshen of the New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty donated all items in this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in July 2024.

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