

## **S.187 House Committee on Education Testimony 4/12/2024**

Representatives Conlon, Brady and members of the House Committee on Education,

Good morning. My name is Clayton Wetzel and I am the current Treasurer/Executive Committee Member for the Vermont State School Nurses Association (VSSNA) as well as a full time school nurse at Waitsfield Elementary.

I am testifying here today in support of S.187 as passed by the Senate on March 12, 2024. S.187, as passed, includes all of the recommended language the VSSNA presented to Vermont Secretary of Education in March 2023 and supports our testimony given on February 23, 2024 to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. We believe that enacting S.187 will provide students with increased protection to sun-exposure as it allows them, with parent/guardian written permission, to bring, possess and apply sunscreen without restriction through a process that conforms to school nursing best practice.

In summation, we are grateful to the Committee for considering the health and safety of students in our schools and appreciate this time to share the school nurse perspective as you consider all of the testimony regarding S.187.

Respectfully submitted,

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