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Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members,

The League of Women Voters of Vermont supports companion bills, H.207 and H.88, which provide for publicly funded primary health care for all Vermonters.

Primary care is the most important step in maintaining a healthy population by treating routine medical problems and identifying more serious conditions before they become difficult and expensive to treat or chronically debilitating.

Publicly funded primary care is cost effective, as little as \$500 per person per year, and removes barriers to treatment – co-pays, deductibles – that prevent people from getting the medical care that keeps them healthy. It will lower overall costs, reduce ER visits and hospitalizations, and improve overall public health.

Please act on these important bills, and give us a healthier Vermont. Please include a personalized message here.

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