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Dear Representative Pugh -

Thank you for your communication to the University of Vermont regarding the potential creation of a Vermont statute to permit the transport of cannabis to institutions of higher education. The University of Vermont is engaged in a wide variety of scientific research, which includes research on cannabis. Currently, the cannabis or its derivatives that we use for research are sourced through the federal government and the entire process is heavily regulated. That we might in the future be able to source these research materials directly from Vermont is certainly a reasonable option that we could explore and for which we would have to determine the appropriate regulatory controls and approvals.

In the interim, and pending the development of the controls mentioned above, it would seem that language that opens the possibility of future research using cannabis sourced from Vermont could only have the potential to augment the research process.

Thank you for reaching out to us as you continue the work of policy making. Please contact me directly anytime if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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