



January 06, 2013

The Honorable Michael Fisher
Chairman House Health Care
State House
Montpelier, VT

Dear Representative Fisher,

As you begin deliberations on health care issues in your committee this session, please consider the Vermont Chamber of Commerce expertise in the area. As you may already know, the Vermont Chamber is the largest statewide navigator and has dedicated 5 full-time employees since August to help navigate businesses and their employees through the transition involving the Vermont Health Connect enrollment process.

Our advocacy on these issues in support of implementing the exchange in Vermont led to several key changes for businesses, including the contingency language that proved to be needed this fall. Please consider Vermont Chamber of Commerce testimony regarding the following topics:

Vermont Health Connect

- Our experience with the small business enrollment process;
- Ease of system and finance mechanism importance;
- Exchange readiness progress, as well as current obstacles; and
- The importance of contingency planning as February approaches.

Green Mountain Care

- Goals, definitions and financing

The Vermont Chamber's Betsy Bishop and Shannon Wilson would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the above topics with your Committee, and present our Vermont Health Connect experience report. To schedule testimony or discussions, please contact me at jgingras@vtchamber.com or 802-262-2130.

Thank you.

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