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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Shirley Adams; Robert E. Burke (robert.burke@state.vt.us)
Subject: RE: House Commerce Committee

Ms. Adams,

I am sorry, I was unable to rearrange my schedule to accommodate coming today. As near as I can tell, this would add a representative from the State Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the GCEPD. My agency, VABVI is a nonprofit which provides direct rehabilitation services to visually impaired Vermonters. As you know, nationwide, the vast majority of individuals who are blind or visually impaired are unemployed. Where blindness or low vision is the only impairment, this is something that rehabilitation can help immensely. We are often contracted by DBVI to do this and as such we know the people at DBVI very well. They are indeed laser focused on helping Vermonters with vision loss to gain meaningful employment and be as independent as possible. They do very well at this and are among the leaders in the nation for successful job intervention and placements, per capita. I can only imagine by adding a DBVI rep to this council, that it will directly help our population to improve their ability to be employed and economic standing. I hope that this opinion is helpful to your decision making process.

Respectfully,

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From: Shirley Adams [<mailto:SHIRLEY@leg.state.vt.us>]
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Subject: House Commerce Committee

Hi,

The House Commerce & Economic Development Committee is working on a bill, S.138 – economic development. Next Tuesday, 4/21, right after the floor adjourns, hopefully around 10:30 give or take 10 or 15 minutes on a section that you might be interested in. The specific section is C.6 – Vermont Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. My chair, Rep. Botzow would like to extend an invitation for you to come to the committee to give testimony for your clients.

You can find that bill on our legislative website at www.leg.state.vt.us/committees. Find the House Economic Development Committee. Then click on the link for documents and handouts. Go to today’s date, 4/17 and click on that link. There you will find the bill S.138, draft 6.1. Then in the bill itself find section C.6. That’s the section we want you to speak about. If you have any questions, please feel free to get back to me.

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