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Subject: S.256 CON Bill for Home Health Agencies
Bill,

I understand that S. 256 - An act relating to extending the moratorium on home health agency Certificates of Need has been referred to the House Health Committee. I am writing on behalf of the VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, to ask for your support for this bill.

We feel that this moratorium is necessary while the state works through health care reforms including the All Payer Waiver. These reforms are expected to change the way that all providers work together in a more integrated fashion. This bill will give the Board time to make a thoughtful and well informed decision about our health care delivery system as those decisions are made.

We believe that this temporary freeze would not negatively impact Vermonters as there is access to home health and hospice services statewide currently by at least two providers in each service area.

I hope that you will be able to find time to consider this legislation in your Committee. It is critical that this bill be taken up this session given the timing of health care reform. I am glad to provide you with any additional information or answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you.

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