



*Building a Safe Harbor for Vermont Elders through Advocacy and Education*

**COVE TESTIMONY ON H.112  
HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES  
2/11/16 - Gini Milkey, Executive Director**

Thank you for inviting COVE to testify on H.112. I'm Gini Milkey, Executive Director of COVE, the Community of Vermont Elders. COVE is a non-profit, membership organization whose mission is to promote and protect a higher quality of life for Vermont's elders, through education and advocacy.

As you may know, COVE has been working for many years to ensure that vulnerable adults, so many of whom are elders, are protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation, and that Vermont's APS Division has the staffing and tools it needs to do its job well.

COVE supports the work of the summer group that revised H.112, we are comfortable with their amended language that is now draft 1.2, and we appreciate the committee's taking it up for consideration. We believe that passage of this bill will help APS investigators to provide better protection to vulnerable adults who may be victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Again, thank you very much for inviting COVE to comment on H.112, and if you are looking for more in-depth testimony on any particular sections of the bill, we would be happy to look into them and get back to you.