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Testimony in support of Dr. Dynasaur 2.0

To: House Committee on Appropriations

From: Wayne Nelson, President of L.N. Consulting in Winooski

My name is Wayne Nelson. I live in Milton, Vermont.

I am the president of L.N. Consulting in Winooski. We employ 10 people. We are an engineering firm that completes the design of building systems and renewable energy systems. We typically employ engineering graduates from many different universities with a majority from UVM.

I support the study to look at expanding the Dr. Dynasaur program to include children and young adults up through age 26.

This would benefit my employees because a few have family's and this would remove the need for family health care insurance premiums which are approximately \$300/month per family and that is for a high deductible HSA plan so the benefits would be greater for low deductible health care which many companies currently provide. We cover the employee's health insurance but we do not cover the additional expense for family coverage.

This would benefit my business because we would have a larger pool of local young employees to work with as they would probably stay within Vermont after college if they could receive health care coverage through their family.

This would benefit Vermont as a whole because it would provide more transition time for local students and young adults to get situated professionally. We would also have the opportunity for a healthier community which is beneficial to all of society. It would accomplish multiple goals that are currently desired by the State of Vermont.