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To: Maxine Grad
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Dear Representative Grad,

As S.241 moves through the House, I would like to be share the attached vision for a culture of Health from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

I also ask the following questions related to public policy and impact on the wellbeing of our citizens.

We know that there is “Health in All Policies”, meaning that every policy has a direct Health Impact on those who are within the intended reach.

Keeping populations as healthy as possible prevents burden of excessive and unwanted healthcare spending. This concept can guide public and private decision-making.

The Marijuana Legalization issue cannot be a consideration that does not take into account the Health Impact.

While a Health Impact Assessment has been conducted (results found here:

http://healthvermont.gov/pubs/healthassessments/documents/HIA_marijuana_regulation_in_vermont_201601.pdf),

Marijuana Regulation in Vermont

healthvermont.gov

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The Vermont Department of Health and key stakeholders conducted this Health Impact
