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Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members,

Dear Vermont legislators,

The fact that H.207 and S88 have been introduced and are under careful consideration is very encouraging. These bills give voice to the prospect of publicly funded primary care for all Vermonters. Universal publicly financed primary care would be a step toward realizing health care as a public good via implementation of Act 48. As Vermont policy and practice, universal publicly financed primary care would advance the cause of single payer health care for our country, bringing the USA in line with policy and practice in the other industrialized nations of the world.

Primary care for all would lower health care costs by treating health challenges early, preventing some hospitalizations and emergency room visits. It seems like an obvious approach to a more healthy citizenry and a balanced approach to a long term goal of general public wellness that can be afforded.

Please do what it takes to advance this legislation.

Thank you,  
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