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Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members,

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Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to urge you to support H-207 and S-88 for publicly-funded Primary care in Vermont. I am sure you are aware of the very positive health and cost outcomes of such a primary care system for the people of our state. It would also be a relatively inexpensive step toward the implementation of the intent of Act 48, i.e. a full publicly-funded health care system in Vermont, which you passed in 2011.

I have lived over 11 years of my adult life in two countries (Germany and Canada) with variations of a single payer health care system. I know from experience that such a system works. For about half the cost per capita, those countries cover all of their citizens and have much better health outcomes than the US. When will we accept the fact that there are some things we can learn from other countries, and that we don't have to necessarily re-invent the wheel?

Starting with publicly-funded primary care, as envisioned in H-207 and S-88, is a fairly uncomplicated and relatively inexpensive way to begin this process of having health care for all Vermonters as a public good. I urge you to support these bills, and thereby do something very positive for the health and happiness of all Vermonters.

Sincerely

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