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> To: House Government Operations Committee

> From: Carol Price PT, LAc

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> As a Licensed acupuncturist and former president of the Vermont Acupuncture Association I am writing to express my sincere concern about the portion of H684 proposing to sunset ADT's ( Acu Detox Technicians) in Vermont. I don't understand how this could be possible at a time when we have a full scale opioid epidemic. ADT's provide valuable, effective, safe, and inexpensive treatment at a time when we need it the most. If anything, we should be increasing the number of ADT's to reach the population who needs their care. During VPR's Vermont Edition last night it was stated that two thirds of Vermonters with addiction problems are not getting treatment. So why would we decrease the number of providers who can treat addiction? Especially those on the frontline of care? I can assure you that in my 11 years of private practice I have never had someone call me asking for treatment of opioid addiction. It is the ADT's working in outreach centers who are the most likely to provide this effective and inexpensive treatment.

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> I would encourage OPR to work on any flaws there may be in the system to make it effective, well regulated, and safe. Please don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Vermont needs to stand by it's citizens with opioid addiction and H684 and it's sun setting of ADT's would be, in my opinion, a big mistake.

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