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Loring:

I just sent the following to each member of the House Health Care Committee. Please enter it into the record.

Thanks.

Kate

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

Please restore S.53 to its content and intent as passed by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. People should not have to depend on charity to have access to health care, as is so often the case. [How many appeals for funds have you seen posted on your Facebook pages?]

S.53 could be the beginning of a rational health care system in Vermont. It could contribute to Vermont's economic health as well as the health of its citizens by attracting and retaining young workers and young families, whose main health care costs are for primary care. It could contribute to the health of Vermont's businesses by reducing the cost of providing health insurance to their employees.

S.53 as passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee and the full Senate does nothing. I hope we are better than that.

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