

Rep. Pugh:

I am writing this email on behalf of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services to lend our support for S.95 and the amendments proposed by the Vermont Network after the hearing before your committee last month.

The Center is eager to support efforts to re-align the legislative charge of the SANE program to better fulfill the goal of effective sexual assault victim services and evidence preservation, testing, and tracking. To that end, the Center is willing to host a summer study committee staffed by the SANE Program that will convene all essential stakeholders (which include others beyond those already serving on the SANE Program board) in order to identify and address the most pressing policy issues impacting the program. This work is different from the work of the SANE Program Board, which is primarily charged with developing program standards for SANE-certified nurses.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns. We are hopeful that the Legislature will act by the end of the session.

-Cara