

Dear Ann. I will post your e-mail on House Government Operations' Web site.
Thanks, Denise

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To: House Gov Operations Comm
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I am writing to express my concern about the portion of H684 that deals with the sun setting of ADT's (AcuDetoxTechnicians) in Vermont.

At a time when opioid addiction is escalating nationwide, the healthcare workforce is decreasing. This is especially true in primary care, mental health and healthcare to the poor and underserved. Paraprofessionals in the healthcare system are frequently used to meet needs in these areas with great success. As a former RN for 25 years before becoming an acupuncturist, I witnessed the bumpy start of PA's and Nurse Practitioners. Fortunately, problems were worked out through laws and regulations rather than discontinue training these valuable workers. It seems logical to me that the same wisdom is applied to ADT's. Many people who are addicted to drugs are not able to pay for healthcare services and denying an adjunct non-

pharmaceutical option in the arsenal to fight drug addiction is at best unfortunate
and at worse wrong.

Ann Ramsay

Sent from my iPhone