Good afternoon Representative Townsend and Members of the House Government Operations Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to present an introduction to the work of the Vermont Council on Domestic Violence last week. I have attached electronic versions of the two handouts I distributed to the Committee, as well as my power point.

I have included the document I mentioned summarizing the <u>Council's Projects</u> and Accomplishments from 2013-2017. As I testified, the Council Statute originally required a biennial report, but this requirement was subsequently removed by the legislature. I have updated my <u>Basic Information Sheet</u> to reflect this. The Council's two <u>Biennial Reports</u> are also attached. Also please find a report prepared for the Council by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Center for Court Innovation <u>"DV Accountability in Vermont"</u>.

Please do not hesitate to send me further questions. thank you so much for your consideration of H.689.

Respectfully, Heather Holter

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