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Subject: S. 53 Discussion and Vote

Dear House Health Care Committee members:

As you prepare to discuss and possibly vote on passage of S. 53 tomorrow, I know you have heard testimony from many sides of the issue. However, as a low income consumer advocate, I think it is very important that you consider what is happening in Vermont and around our country as income inequality is devastating our once vibrant social and economic fiber. As One Care's Todd Moore reported they would be much happier to meld the original plan of S. 53 as devised by Senate Health&Welfare, rather than the more potentially expensive and more nebulous plan that was voted out by the full Senate, much to the displeasure of several Senators. Mr. Moore seemed to be agreeable to a "working group" that could be melded into One Care's current efforts to provide a different model of payment in conjunction with national priorities.

I believe there is absolutely no way to predict how much this might cost in the years ahead in spite of testimony from GMCBoard and Joint Fiscal. \$300,000 as has been suggested for 2019 is the only firm number and one that could be easily accommodated by the hospitals and insurers as real numbers are developed.

And so, as someone who will be in attendance tomorrow morning, I sure hope you do what is best for your constituents and not just what the huge medical industrial complex wants to dictate. Thank you for all you do and for reading my few words representing so many low income, retired, differently-abled, unemployed, underemployed Vermonters who are really feeling the pinch as the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. As companies like National Life Insurance are deciding to provide health services for their own employees, this is just another way of dividing Vermonters against themselves. We all have to be in one boat together in order to provide real savings and quality health care for all.

Please do the right thing for our children and grandchildren in 2022..

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