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Dear Chair Pugh,

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Committee's recommendation to House Appropriations that states, "First, the funding for SASH be fully subsumed by the Department of Vermont Health Access' (DVHA) One Care contract. Currently, direct service expenditures are funded via One Care and the Committee believes the entire cost of the program should be funded via One Care (\$974,023.00 GC)."

OneCare Vermont values the role of the SASH program in providing critical services to older adults and people with disabilities and believes that SASH plays an important role in keeping Vermonters healthy. Our current budget includes substantial service payments totaling over three million dollars to SASH from Medicare advanced shared savings, as well as additional funding for a pilot program that enhances mental health and substance use treatment services at two affordable housing communities. Additional funding for SASH administrative functions, which we understand is the basis of DVHA's financial support to SASH, has never been mentioned in our contract negotiations with DVHA, our collaboration discussions with SASH, or included in our budget planning for calendar year 2018.

OneCare Vermont's 2018 budget includes significant investment in payment reform and population health management programs (including SASH) and has undergone a rigorous review and approval process, first by our Board of Managers and then by the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB). OneCare Vermont does not have contingency funds available, especially during a budget cycle, to take on a new, substantial line item and absorb additional programmatic expenses. Our oversight structure does not allow OneCare Vermont leadership to unilaterally add to our budget once it has been approved and additions must be reviewed and approved by our Board of Managers and the GMCB.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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