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To: Rebecca Buck
Subject: S. 53

HI,
I understand that S. 53 will soon be taken up by Appropriations. Could you let me know when that will be? I gather that Sen. Lyons will be presenting it and I would like to attend.
Below is the letter I sent to all your committee members.

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to jkitchel, anitka, rsears, rmccormack, tashe

Dear Senator Kitchel and all Senate Appropriations Committee members:
Since I am quite sure that you will be receiving bill S. 53 for your consideration before heading
I also sent to Senate Finance.

I sure hope you had a good break and are now back at work to tie up those loose ends left ha
remind you of how important it is to finalize **S. 53** to present to the full senate for passage ASA
January and listen to your many constituents who are close to bankruptcy or dying because th
primary care.

In my case, I now have had 3 primary care doctors since my long time physician retired a few
interest in getting the right code into the computer, I feel totally abandoned by the UVMMC Or
providing quality care for me in my declining years. I am 81 years old and although I do not in
could get answers to my questions and some direction to go for help. I have recently been ref
examine me. (Call me at 223-8140 if interested in the details.)

There is a real problem with recruiting and keeping good primary care doctors and the system
for elders in particular, by using what we used to call SHMO's, Social Health maintenance org
wonderful housing specialists, triple A members, SASH members and Home Health leaders a
and without primary care doctors who can take the time to get to the bottom of problems we a
believe. There are times I think that the medical profession may want to get rid of primary car
practitioners and medical technicians instead!

And I am one who has Medicare, a so called single payer system! Well, I pay almost \$220/month on top of my \$126/month payment from my Social Security payment of less than \$1000/month; plus my Social Security. As one of the lucky ones who still has a small IRA and savings, I am not in real crisis yet. However, looking down the horizon. If we want to attract new young people to Vermont, what better way then by having a system that provides its primary care physicians a decent wage but also provides well educated newbies with basic health care. Unemployment is real for many folks and during that time it is more important than ever to have a system that provides basic health care. Education funding and union benefits for state employees could be considerably lowered if provided by a no brainer! Basic health care including mental health and substance abuse care should be provided by the federal governments rules. Universal Primary Care (UPC) should not be considered to be covered by the same rules as insurance plans. **Be creative!** We desperately need your help in making UPC a right for all Vermonters. **And if the feds do not provide for innovation and planning, we need to find state monies to pay for this. Please be sure to**

Thank you so much for reading my long diatribe, but I do hope it is helpful to you as you make your decisions. IF you would like me to testify before the Finance Committee, I would be happy to do so. The time is NOW!

Respectfully yours,
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