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Ladies and gentlemen my name is Marie Townsend and I live in Addison County.

I appreciate your taking this time to hold this public hearing on Access to Health Care and listening to our views on what's happening in health care.

As for myself living on a fixed income I only have Medicare for insurance. My Medicare premium gets taken out of my SSDI Check every month.

With Medicare I have to pay 20. percent of Dr visits etcetera. My leg braces cost me 500.00. Now for someone on a fixed income where is that 500.00 supposed to come from?

Now if I needed to be hospitalized I would need to pay 20 percent of that bill.

There are many people in the state of Vermont with the same issue. Where is this 20 percent supposed to come from especially the older generation.

We need universal healthcare where everyone in the state of Vt has access to care. Not access to insurance, access to care. And that means all care. Healthcare is a human right. Not a privilege.

I recently learned that in 2011 VT passed a law, Act VT. That law states “The purpose of Green Mountain Care is to provide as a public good comprehensive affordable high quality, publicly financed health care coverage for all VT residents in a seamless and equitable manner regardless of income, assets, health status, or availability of other health coverage.”

I want to Thank you for your time and to please reconsider implementing Act 48.

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