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I was unable to attend the public hearing this week but would like to add my comments.

For too long people in this country have been subjected to a very unequal access to basic health care. The wealthy and/or those with good insurance plans have the best access. But many are either poor or caught in a range of income that makes easy access to a primary care physician a choice between their health or paying bills like rent, utilities, clothing and food. This is inhumane, especially while the corporations who provide the services and products continue to reap huge profits. It cannot continue. I firmly believe our country needs to transition to a single payer model of healthcare such as is found in much of the rest of the world. Vermont has the opportunity to lead the nation by taking the first modest step toward that goal with this bill to give all citizens, regardless of income level or employment, free access to primary health care. I urge our legislature and the Governor to pass this legislation.

Thank you.

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