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**Subject:** A note regarding H684

Dear Senator Ayer:

Please accept my note of support for our very capable CRNA, Leah Pearl, as she testifies to you this coming Friday on the current status of H684. My understanding of H684 is that it originated out of the Office of Professional Regulation as an "administrative simplification" strategy. Now it seems that the bill has morphed into something I consider more "political", which pits CRNAs against MD anesthesiologists. Given the nature of Vermont's health work force challenges, this is not helpful.

Not only do I support Ms Pearl's testimony, but I also support a recent note emailed to you on April 1, 2018 by Carroll Ruhlman, CRNA, a much experienced professional also employed by Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.

Since I have worked many years with a variety of anesthesia service coverage models, both in Vermont and around the country, I would be happy to comment further if desired.

Thank you for allowing them to provide testimony and comment on H684, and I hope you and your committee support their position.

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