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Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor Vermont State Colleges System PO Box 7, 575 Stone Cutters Way Montpelier, VT 05601

Patricia Moulton, President Vermont Technical College PO Box 500 | Randolph Center, VT 05061

RE: Allied Health Programs

Dear Chancellor Spaulding and President Moulton,

As part of your FY 2021 budget presentation please address the issue of how tuition rates for allied health programs are constructed, particularly what determines whether a programmatic cost is covered by a fee or embedded in the tuition calculation. This request is in light of the issue that arose during deliberations on the FY 2020 Budget Adjustment Bill related to VTC and the National Guard Tuition program. It is our objective to ensure that we make the most effective use of the funds available to cover the cost of attendance for eligible students.

Specifically, please address whether all or some of the cost differential for these programs may be allocated as a fee instead of tuition, thereby allowing other funding sources that are available to National Guard students cover fee expenses, reducing the pressure on this state funded tuition program.

Sincerely,

Sen. Jane Kitchel

cc: Members of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations Kenneth W. Gragg, Dep. Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard Scott Giles, President, VSAC

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