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To: Faith Brown <FBrown@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: RE: 2019-03-15 Senate Committee on Finance - Change to VT Law Impacting Medical Deductions

Hi Faith,

I am checking in to confirm that the Senate Finance Committee has my materials for their upcoming hearing on S.126.

Please let me know if you feel it would be helpful for me to send this information directly to each member of the Committee prior to the hearing.

In addition, I would like to draw the Finance Committee's attention to an excerpt from yesterday's article in New York Magazine titled "In 2018, Americans Borrowed \$88 Billion to Pay Health Expenses Not Covered by Insurance."

This excerpt states that "a new survey from Gallup shows that Americans borrowed a staggering \$88 billion in 2018 to pay for health-care costs that were not covered by their insurance plans. Additionally, 45 percent of those polled were "concerned that a major health event will leave them bankrupt."

I respectfully request that the Senate Finance Committee work restore the medical expense deduction so that disabled Vermonters like myself and my clients with significant medical expenses do not have to balance the additional tax burden instituted by the 2018 Vermont tax law change with the onerous costs of our health care.

Sincerely,

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