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The VNAs of Vermont supports H. 611, the Older Vermonters Act. We have one request that the House did not have time to consider:

- (1) **Repeal 33 V.S.A. § 6303 (b).** This provision is now redundant with other state and federal regulatory and planning processes in which the home health agencies participate including the Health Resource Allocation Plan led by the Green Mountain Care Board, IRS-required community needs assessments led by hospitals, and the planning duties of the AAAs envisioned under this bill and required under the Older Americans Act.

33 V.S.A § 6303(b), for reference:

Upon initial designation or redesignation under this subchapter, prepare for the Commissioner's approval a local community services plan, describing the need for home health services within the agency's geographic service area and the methods by which the agency will provide those services. The plan shall include a schedule for the anticipated provision of new or additional services for the next four years and shall specify the resources which are needed by and available to the agency to implement the plan. The plan shall reflect public input from the residents of the agency's geographic service area.