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Senator Virginia Lyons, Chair
Vermont Senate Health and Welfare Committee
Vermont State Legislature
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Dear Senator Lyons,

Established in 1992, ISCT, the International Society for Cell and Gene Therapy is a global society comprised of over 1,800 members representing clinicians, regulators, researchers, technologists and industry partners with a shared vision to drive the clinical translation of cell and gene therapies to improve patients' lives worldwide.

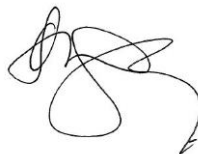
ISCT is the global leader focused on pre-clinical and translational aspects of developing cell and gene-based therapeutics, thereby advancing scientific research into innovative treatments for patients. Through strong relationships with global regulatory agencies, academic institutions and industry partners, ISCT drives the advancement of research into standard of care.

We are highly supportive of the proposed bills concerning stem cell products to be considered by the Vermont Legislature. As you know, the use of unregulated and unproven stem cell products is an increasing problem in the United States and worldwide and one that we as an organization are actively working against. The proposed legislation will join similar existing legislation in California and Washington State. We hope that similar bills will be enacted in other state legislatures as well.

Sincerely,



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