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Senate Committee on Judiciary
c/o Peggy Delaney
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05641

Date: August 25, 2020

RE: Statement/Testimony on H.962

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Federation would like to thank the Committee for the gracious invitation to allow us to provide testimony on H.962.

The Federation fully understands the intent and purpose of this amendment, and as a result we offer No Objection to this bill.

We do however offer two observations:

1. The target of this bill is 15 VSA 1105, which we note was last changed in 2013. That would mean that the "gap" between a Temporary RFA expiring and the service of the Final Hearing Order has been in existence for approximately 7 years.
2. We further note that there have been any number of openings for this amendment to be brought forward either as a standalone bill or attached to another DV-related bill, and we therefore find it incredibly unfortunate that this MUST BE addressed now, especially when ZOOM has proven to not be an optimal mechanism to address legislation that will become permanent law.

Again: THANK YOU for the opportunity to provide testimony, we however do not feel that this is necessary as we support the Amendment - as written - and had we been approached by anyone prior to this, we would have gladly provided a statement of support earlier.

Thank You and Best Regards,

Chris Bradley
President - Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs