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To: House Health Care Committee

Re: Support for H.655

From: The Office of the Health Care Advocate

Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Dear Chair Lippert and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) would like to express its support for the proposed bill H. 655. For the sake of consumer protection, the HCA believes it is important to create a regulatory system to monitor telehealth services offered by out-of-state providers when they are treating Vermonters.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership in this important area.

Sincerely,

s\ Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate

| s\ Sam Peisch, Health Policy Analyst