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**STATE OF VERMONT**  
House Committee

**House Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Representative Mary Hooper, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Representative Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means

Date: February 22, 2022

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Recommended FY 2023 State Budget

Our committee has reviewed the sections of the budget that affect our area of jurisdiction and offers the following comments.

E.233. Public Service; Universal Telecommunications Service: **We heard testimony from Commissioner Schirling and don't have a recommendation on these sections. There are a number of issues that were identified and we support a broader discussion of them.**

E.236. Powers and Duties of Board of Liquor and Lottery. We feel this is an issue for consideration by the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs and by our committee and should not be in the budget.

E.306 et seq. Health. We've heard from the Home Health Agencies and they request that the extension of the sunset wait until next year. In any event, this is a Tax issue, not an appropriations issue. We recommend it not be included in the budget.

E.337 Community High School of Vermont. The committee does not support this change which would result in Community High School being funded through the Education Fund.

Sec XX Investments in Vermont's Economy, Workforce, and Communities. The committee took testimony from the Vermont Department of Economic Development. Our recommendation on this section is to support the appropriation while recognizing that there seem to be implementation issues that need further review and consideration.

Sec. XXX Grand List Enhancement Program.