

Dear Senator White,

For the JRH 2 work of the House Committee on General, Housing, & Military Affairs, I created 'Eugenics in Vermont: A Chronology of "State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices.'" I've expanded and updated this document (slightly) and have attached it here for the consideration of Senate Government Operations Committee in its work on JRH 2.

My academic work is in ethics and U.S. health policy (Tufts, Wellesley College and now Harvard Medical School). I have researched taught about eugenics. (I was born in Bellows Falls, grew up in western Massachusetts, and am now a full-time resident/homeowner/voter in Newfane after being a part-timer in Putney since 2007.)

I am currently doing research on Vermont eugenics. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Second International Eugenics Congress held at the American Museum of Natural History (NYC) in September 1921. Collective regional "reflections" are being held world-wide to draw attention to eugenics in its myriad expressions - past, present and future, and will culminate in a September 2021 centenary eugenics [conference](#) (now virtual) at the AMNH. I am the Vermont "lead" for the "New England Legacies of Eugenics [Reflection](#)." Thus my knowledge of Vermont eugenics and deep interest in JRH 2.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [charlene\\_galarneau@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:charlene_galarneau@hms.harvard.edu) or (617) 455-8905.

All the best,

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