

Vermont Future Caucus & co.

April 26, 2023

The Honorable Jill Krowinski  
Speaker of the House  
Vermont General Assembly

Dear Speaker Krowinski,

Low compensation and inadequate benefits are a significant barrier to service in the General Assembly. As a result, many members serve in either the House or the Senate with minimal or no healthcare coverage, and often live paycheck to paycheck in order to make ends meet each month. In a time of high inflation and unprecedented lack of access to affordable, safe housing, this means that those who do choose to serve their communities in the legislature often do so at great financial risk to themselves and to their families.

The Vermont Future Caucus is a tripartisan caucus of members aged 45 and younger and our allies. The Vermont Future Caucus and our undersigned allies endorse S.39 and urges its expedient passage in the House this year and in this biennium. S.39 as passed in the Senate proposes to make members of the General Assembly eligible for the State employees' health benefit plan, allow them to participate in any flexible spending account program offered to State employees for health care expenses or dependent care expenses, and increased compensation.

These improvements to compensation for members would permit a more diverse and accurate representation of Vermont persons and communities in the legislature and would allow for increased access to our body. We, the Vermont Future Caucus and our allies call on the House to Pass S.39, an act relating to compensation and benefits for members of the Vermont General Assembly with all due haste.

Respectfully Submitted,

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