

Vermont Retired State Employees Association, Inc.
“Working for Retired State Employees and Beneficiaries”

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Jane Kitchel
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
Vermont State House
115 State St.
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Greetings Chair Kitchel,

I am writing in my role as Board President to officially convey that the Vermont Retired State Employees Association (VRSEA) fully supports the House passed version of Section E.108 in H.494 which protects retirees and gives the VRSEA a seat at the table when decisions are made about the health care of our members. The VRSEA would like to remain specifically named as one of the organizations with oversight regarding alternative health coverage decisions. We respectfully ask the Senate to support this language.

The VRSEA represents over eight thousand retired state employees (including non-union members), maintains regular communications with over two thousand dues-paying members, has an active Board, and is already named in statute in the Retired Employees Committee on Insurance [3 V.S.A §636].

We are very grateful that the Legislature has recognized a need to protect the health benefits for Vermont retirees and their families. We know you understand how truly important this is for our members and we thank the Honorable Vermont Senate for the support.

Sincerely,



Shelley Martin, President
Vermont Retired State Employees Association

Cc: Bridget Morris, Morris Government Affairs