

Hi Autumn,

I am writing to share my support for H.861 ahead of the committee's vote tomorrow morning.

Following my testimony on the technical and fiscal risks of Vermont's digital infrastructure, and continued conversations with Chair Scheu, Rep. Feltus, and others, I believe this independent ADA Coordinator role is a critical step in addressing systemic technical debt and accessibility barriers.

Beyond the immediate benefits, funding this position serves as a vital good faith effort by the State to align with the ADA Title II Modernization mandate. Proactively establishing this oversight is the most fiscally responsible way to protect Vermont from the risks of non-compliance while ensuring digital services are accessible to all.

I know it is an incredibly busy week for the committee, but would you mind noting my support for the members as they consider the bill tomorrow?

Warmly,

Emily Ray

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