

To Chair Amy Sheldon and Members of the House Committee on the Environment,

On behalf of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association, I am writing to express strong support for the language in H.238 as presented by the Agency of Natural Resources. We appreciate the state's commitment to protecting public health and the environment while also recognizing the critical role that veterinary professionals play in the care of animals in Vermont.

The version of this bill proposed by the state strikes a thoughtful balance—ensuring public safety while allowing continued access to essential products that are already subject to rigorous federal oversight by the FDA, USDA, and EPA. These agencies have established comprehensive regulatory frameworks to evaluate the safety and efficacy of these products, ensuring they meet strict scientific and public health standards.

By adopting the language as presented, Vermont can continue to lead in environmental stewardship without inadvertently restricting the tools that medical professionals rely on to protect the health and well-being of both people and animals. I urge the committee to enact this language in H.238 to uphold this balanced and responsible approach.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your work on this important issue and your dedication to policies that protect both public health and professional practice.

Respectfully,

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