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To: Hon. Matthew Birong, Chair
House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

From: Sean Sheehan, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance

Re: H.686

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony about H.686. We support the greater transparency this bill provides. We agree that lobbying advertisements should be clearly identified at any time of year, even after the legislature has adjourned.

We have no concerns about version 1.1 of this bill. We have no concerns about being able to implement it in our Lobbying Disclosure System.

As always, we encourage the Committee to also seek feedback from the Attorney General's Office as they are charged with enforcing lobbying laws.

Thank you again for consulting us on this latest version, and thank you for your work to provide greater transparency for Vermonters.