Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

Please take the time to discuss House Bills 61 and 274 tomorrow afternoon (Friday, 2/21).

These bills have been crafted in response to the need for protection around health care choice, bodily autonomy and informed consent.

Vermonters have experienced unprecedented levels of forced and coerced medical interventions over the past five years. It is time to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of the Emergency Use Authorized products that schools, town officials and private sector employers were willing to impose with no consideration, or awareness, of the harms.

These bills are an opportunity to hear from experts in the field, such as the lead lawyer from Children Health Defense, Mary Holland, who will be at the Vermont Statehouse on April 10th to inform our discussion on the need for legal protections.

When these bills are presented tomorrow, please make a plan to take them up for full consideration and to allow testimony from Mary Holland on April 10th. Whether or not you are able to take up these bills this session, you should take advantage of this opportunity to meet with Ms. Holland so that your committee will be in a more informed position when the bills come up again next year.

Vermonters support having an honest conversation about these issues, and we are behind your participation in the conversation.

Thank you for taking the time to serve your neighbors in the Statehouse.

Sincerely,

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