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To: Members of the Vermont House Committee on Health Care

RE: Oppose H.585's Repeal of Prescription Drug Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The Vermont Workers' Center is an organization of everyday Vermont residents, many of whom struggle to afford healthcare. We urge the Health Care Committee to reject the repeal of prescription drug out-of-pocket maximums that is currently in H.585.

Many Vermonters who are excluded from Medicaid struggle to afford prescription drugs already. Repealing the out-of-pocket maximum would only add to the number of people who can't afford medications, and either don't take medications they need or stretch their prescriptions by taking less than the prescribed dose. People with chronic conditions would be especially hard hit if this cap is removed. That is bad for the health of those individuals, and in some cases their very survival. It is also bad for the system as a whole, as people who can't afford medication get sicker and need other medical interventions down the line.

We urge you to oppose the repeal of this out-of-pocket maximum.

Sincerely,

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