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To: House Committee on Health Care
From: Matthew Greenberg, MD, FACEP
Chair, Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Re: The Vermont Board of medical Practice Composition, Purpose, and Perspective

Good Afternoon Madam Chair and Committee Members.

Before proceeding with further testimony, I thought it would be beneficial to describe to you the current composition of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and our general purpose and perspective. I feel this information would be beneficial for you to understand our reasoning and rationale behind the opinions that we are currently offering.

The Board is a part of the Department of Health and currently has seven state funded fulltime employees including: an executive director (David Herlihy), 2 investigators, a licensing specialist, and 3 other support specialists.

The current Board composition includes 16 volunteers appointed by the governor: 8 physicians, 1 podiatrist, 1 PA, and 6 community members. This last category includes lawyers, a retired law enforcement officer, and a former biotech business leader. These volunteers spend many hours every month pouring over complex case files of complaints, malpractice issues, and other legal matters relevant to the nearly 5000 licensees under our purview. The board is responsible for licensing all allopathic physicians, physician assistants and podiatrists, and certifies anesthesiologist assistants and radiologist assistants. The Boards budget in 2026 was almost \$2 million, none of which comes from the general fund. The Board is fully supported by licensing fees and license verification fees.

The mission of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice is as follows:

The Vermont Board of Medical Practice protects and promotes the health and safety of Vermonters by ensuring professional integrity through licensure of health care practitioners and investigation of complaints in a fair manner that is respectful to all parties.

I think it is important to note that our mission does not involve the cost of medicine or larger policy areas such as access. Although the individual members of the committee are very much invested in multiple aspects of healthcare our responsibility on the board is really centered on safety and quality. This is the lens that we see our discussions through and the lens we use when we determine the opinions that we share with the legislature



I hope this information will help the committee understand the rationale behind our opinion statements.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Greenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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