

I am a primary care doctor working at Little Rivers Healthcare. I am part of a home based primary care team serving members of our community who can no longer manage to make it into the clinic for their care. This innovative program strives to keep our patients out of the ED/hospital through close attention to their complex medical and psychosocial needs. S.197 establishes a framework to shift resources into primary care in the short term, helping to stabilize our vital work while more extensive primary care payment reform can be developed. The needs of the frail elders we serve are tremendous, and creative ways to get primary care teams to solve problems upstream are vitally important. Please vote in favor of S.197 to help stabilize and reform primary care funding in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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