

Dear House Health Care Committee members,

I kindly request that you pass S.197. It 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. Primary care is a cost-effective and imperative piece of our health care system, vital to decreasing the utilization of expensive health care resources. Just last weekend, while I served as the on-call provider for our practice, I prevented 3 patients from over-utilizing the Emergency department. As their primary care provider, I was able to review their situation and medical history, provide advice and schedule them for appropriate, low-cost follow up at an appropriate interval. In an overburdened system, drowning in costly hospital and emergency care, Primary Care Providers offer lifesaving and cost-saving services to all Vermonters.  
Sincerely,

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