

To: House Health Care Committee

From: Beth Anderson, President & CEO, VITL

Date: April 28, 2025

Re: S.63 - An act relating to modifying the regulatory duties of the Green Mountain Care Board

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding S.63 - An act relating to modifying the regulatory duties of the Green Mountain Care Board. I am the President and CEO of VITL, the legislatively designated operator of Vermont's Health Information Exchange (VHIE). VITL's comments are limited to Section 2 and proposed modifications to 18 V.S.A. § 9352 that impact VITL's work.

VITL is supportive of the changes proposed to 18 V.S.A. § 9352 subsection (c)(1), which removes the Green Mountain Care Board's authority to approve VITL's annual budget. VITL has appreciated the opportunity to engage with the Green Mountain Care Board, and to hear their feedback on VITL's work and budget. VITL's [Board of Directors](#), which represents many aspects of the health care system in Vermont, will continue their annual review and approval of VITL's budget, as required of a non-profit Board. VITL will also continue our tradition of publicly sharing information about our [activities](#) and [finances](#).

Thank you for considering this feedback on S.63. Please contact us at any time if you have questions at banderson@vitl.net.

About VITL

VITL is an independent, not-for-profit based in Vermont. VITL has a board of directors who represent much of the health care community in Vermont. The organization was created in 2005 to operate the State's Health Information Exchange. VITL engages with partners across Vermont to collect patient health data and then works to standardize, match, and transform that data to make it more usable and comparable, with the goal of creating a single health record for each Vermonter.

In addition to making the data more available to providers (e.g. doctors, nurses, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, physical therapists) to inform patient care, VITL provides important health data to private and public payers, care coordinators, the Blueprint for Health, and various programs across the Vermont Department of Health