

Dear members of the VT House Health Care Committee and Appropriations Committee,

I am a family doctor and small primary care practice owner of Tamarack Family Medicine in Morrisville, Vermont. I'm writing to urge you to approve funding to help support primary care and the Blueprint for Health during the 2026 gap between support from OneCare and from the AHEAD model that has been elected by the state to replace it.

At Tamarack Family Medicine we serve just over seven thousand patients. We offer high quality primary care, but financially we run a very lean operation already. Our practice depends upon the OneCare funds, and without them we would have to consider reducing staff and putting a freeze on accepting new patients, as there are not other ways for us to cut expenses.

I fear that for some practices being without this funding might cause them to close. The state government has usually seemed to act in a way that supports primary care, understanding that a state with robust primary care saves money by providing high quality service at a lower cost and avoiding expensive specialist care and hospitalizations. Please don't risk damaging this primary care infrastructure by leaving primary care practices with a large budget gap. This support is meaningful to our bottom line and significantly helps us stay in business.

Thank you again for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,
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