

**A Victim's Perspective on S.193 for the Vermont House Healthcare Committee  
April 22, 2026**

**As the mother of a murder victim whose killer escalated through Vermont's mental health system gaps, I strongly support S.193.**

**Victims must be part of this process. I do not understand why this bill is before House Health Care at this stage, other than to delay. With the timing of the session, it raises questions about whether this is being delayed rather than decided. S.193 is being handled in a way that could stall it without anyone having to take a direct position against it. It is time for the House to move a forensic system of care forward.**

**Please do not remove or weaken this bill as was done in 2024. This issue has been studied for years — it's time to act.**

**S.193 is not perfect, but continuing to delay only guarantees more victims.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

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Vermont  
Victims**

**Because mental health shouldn't  
erase accountability.**

