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To: Hon. Theresa Wood, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
From: Jennifer B. Colin, Director, Office of Professional Regulation
Emily Carr, General Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation
Re: H.545, An act relating to issuing immunization recommendations

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.545 on Tuesday, 1/13.

We appreciate your inclusion of the language we suggested, to Sec. 3; 18 V.S.A. § 1131(b):

(12) a practicing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, appointed by the Governor;
(13) a practicing pharmacist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 36, appointed by the Governor;

However, our request for its inclusion was to replace the language found in Sec. 3 18 V.S.A. § 1131(b)(2) and (3):

(2) the executive officer of the Vermont Board of Nursing or designee;
(3) the executive officer of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy or designee

We apologize for missing the note associated with Sec.6:

Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Authority in Effect on Passage 16 through July 1, 2031

OPR understands the Committee wishes for most of the statutory changes made by H.545 to sunset automatically. However, the changes OPR needs in 26 V.S.A. § 2023 should not sunset. In association with this, OPR kindly requests that the language added (yellow, below) to 26 V.S.A. § 2023(b)(2)(A)(vii) at line 14 on page 12 of VT LEG #386466 v.3 of H.545 be removed:

(vii) *recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130*

Making this change will ensure that the pharmacy professionals will continue to provide vital healthcare under state-wide Commissioner of Health approved protocols.