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Dear House Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Martin LaLonde (mlalonde@leg.state.vt.us) and Committee Assistant Nate Biscotti (Nate.Biscotti@leg.state.vt.us);

My business partner Sam Beall and myself recently finished purchasing Duncan Wisniewski Architecture from the founding partners, a process that took about 10 years. Our firm works in many different areas, but the core of our work is in affordable housing and non-profit endeavors for vulnerable Vermonters. As the law stands today, Sam and I would be required to defend ourselves against a claim from the late 80s or early 90s, when we were both in grade school. This is out of step with the rest of the country, of which 48 states have a statute of repose.
We understand the desire to protect Vermonters from harm; it's something we practice every day. Whether it's housing the homeless or creating safe space to access mental health services, we take great pride in our work's ability to elevate the user experience beyond the mundane.

This legislation would extend common sense protection to our firm, limiting ongoing liability to a reasonable duration. Liability in perpetuity casts a cloud over our work and places us at unreasonable risk of a devastating (if spurious) lawsuit.

We urge you to support advancing H.589 to the full body of the legislature.

Sincerely,

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