



Senate Committee on Government Operations
Re: H 588

April 17, 2026

To Chair Collamore and members of the committee,

Thank you for inviting the Vermont Pharmacists Association to testify regarding H.588. The Vermont Pharmacists Association represents all pharmacy personnel practicing in the state and has the mission to support, promote, and advance the work of the profession of pharmacy to serve the health of the entire Vermont community. To that end, we are always happy to work with the Vermont legislature to provide insight and collaborate to solve the health care challenges facing our communities.

Pharmacy Based Test and Treat

- Highly supportive – this is a role pharmacists and their supporting teams may play to create more convenient and timely access points for care to Vermonters
- Increasing utilization of the highly trained pharmacists for this and other conditions can also help alleviate the access issues currently experienced in other primary care settings as well as provide a valuable entry point to primary care for people who do not currently have a patient centered medical home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of assistance!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lauren E. Bode'.

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