

Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members:

I am writing as a psychiatrist who has practiced in VT for more than twenty years. Most of my work has been in community mental health. I am currently the Medical Director at Northeast Kingdom Human Services. I came out of retirement to take this position last July because of the ongoing shortage of prescribers of psychiatric medications.

I believe that psychologists with the proper training can safely prescribe psychotropics. My team includes five APRNs and one MD. I think a psychologist could provide therapy and medication management. I would welcome such an addition to our staff.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of service to further elaborate on my support for the bill.

Sincerely,

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