



April 27, 2026

The Honorable Virginia “Ginny” Lyons  
Chair, Committee on Health and Welfare  
Vermont State Senate  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

**RE: ATA ACTION COMMENTS REGARDING HB 583**

Dear Chair Lyons and members of the Committee on Health and Welfare,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to provide our organization’s comments on House Bill 583 regarding clinical decision making. While the amendments made to HB 583 in the House removed ATA Action’s opposition to this legislation, we believe a small, further change would strengthen the bill and provide additional clarity.

ATA Action is the affiliated policy and legislative advocacy arm of the American Telemedicine Association. ATA Action is the leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing policy and accelerating the adoption of technology-enabled healthcare. Working collaboratively with federal and state legislators and policymakers, our organization drives industry momentum by influencing legislative and regulatory developments in telehealth, virtual care, remote patient monitoring, artificial intelligence in health, health data privacy, private sector healthcare investment, and more. We represent a diverse membership – including hospital systems, technology companies, professional associations, direct-to-consumer digital health providers, payers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, digital therapeutics developers, and remote monitoring organizations.

While the amendments made to HB 583 are a strong step forward, we believe there is a small, further tweak that would strengthen the bill further and provide additional clarity. Specifically, § 9772 (b)2 currently states that a private equity group or hedge fund involved in any manner with a health care facility doing business in this State cannot "exercise control over, or be delegated the power to do, any of the following." Our organization believes that more clarity would be provided if this section was amended slightly to read "exercise *ultimate* control over, or be delegated the power to do, any of the following:" We believe that this would clarify that investors can still be involved in these tasks but not serve as the ultimate decision maker. This language would also better align with Oregon [SB 951](#) from last year.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the telehealth industry’s perspective further, please contact me at [hyoung@ataaction.org](mailto:hyoung@ataaction.org).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hunter Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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