

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2015 6:05:12 PM  
**To:** Maxine Grad  
**Cc:** Ann Pugh  
**Subject:** S.9 testimony on Failure to Protect

Rep Grad,

Please accept the following testimony on Failure to Protect related to S.9. The Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services fully supports the changes made to the bill by the House Human Services Committee. Here is a copy of the testimony provided by Catherine Simonson, the Director of Youth and Family Services at the Howard Center. She was speaking on behalf of all the designated community mental health centers. She is not available to speak in person to your committee at this point, but we hope you will accept a written version of our testimony.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Julie. Tessler

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