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**Lt. Governor Scott Issues Statement on Vermont Health Connect Update**

Lt. Governor Phil Scott issued the following statement in response to today's Vermont Health Connect progress update:

I'm glad to learn we're making progress on Vermont Health Connect, since many Vermonters have been frustrated with the rollout, costs and performance of the exchange. However, the real measure of whether or not Vermont Health Connect is working will not be in words, but rather in the experiences of the Vermonters and small businesses who are forced to use it. We have received many calls in our office over the last 18 months from those experiencing problems of all kinds with Vermont Health Connect. When those calls stop, I'll be satisfied the exchange is working for everyone.

While heartened by today's announcement, my hope is we acknowledge the lessons learned from Vermont Health Connect's failures before undertaking any future IT projects.

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