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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Governor's Health Care Work Force Advisory Group

FROM: Justin Johnson, Secretary of Administration 

RE: VT Educational Loan Repayment Program, FY2016

DATE: March 9, 2015

On behalf of Governor Shumlin, I would like to thank you all for discussing the proposed fiscal year 2016 budget issues related to the Educational Loan Repayment Program. We appreciate the group taking the time to discuss the issue and for providing a recommendation with supplemental information on the program and its impact.

The administration is supportive of the need to fund the loan forgiveness program and we are working hard to fund it within our Health Care Reform proposals this year. As you may know, the health care reform proposal is funded through a new revenue source, the payroll tax. If the legislature does not agree to our proposed revenue source, however, the program will remain at risk for program cuts due to the funding challenges in FY16.

Your recommendation adds further weight to the importance of this program and to the decision the legislature will have to make when considering the budget for FY 2016. Thank you for your insight and continual advocacy for the health care work force of Vermont.