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Dear Peter and the entire People's Health & Wellness Clinic team:

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you and thank you for your 20 years of service to Vermonters. Even though I can't be with you at tonight's celebration, I know that every day the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is open is a day that improves lives – and that's a reason to celebrate year-round.

As a "Barre boy," I've admired your work in the community I love from the day you first opened. In a state like Vermont, where we have about 620,000 people, we truly rely on our neighbors to help us in times of need; we're too small a state to be strangers or to "turn a blind eye" to the suffering of others. The Clinic's team is a neighbor to everyone in the greater central Vermont region who needs health care but can't afford it.

That neighborly spirit of giving is one of the things that really strikes me about People's Health & Wellness Clinic. You are a team of Vermonters who have saved lives, kept your neighbors safe, many of you without payment and, oftentimes, without any official recognition. As the Clinic staff always points out, this work would not be possible without the volunteers who selflessly give their time and expertise to keeping Vermonters healthy. This team is truly an example of what makes Vermont great and what we can do if we all work together.

Congratulations again on 20 years of service to our State. Vermonters have a better quality of life because you are here.

Best regards,

Phil Scott