



April 6, 2016

Dear Chair Kitchel and Senate Appropriations Committee,

My name is Wayne Nelson. I live in Milton, Vermont and I'm the president of L.N. Consulting in Winooski. We employ 10 people. L.N. Consulting is an engineering firm that completes the design of building systems and renewable energy systems. We typically employ engineering graduates from many different universities with a majority from the University of Vermont.

I am writing to express my support for the study to look at expanding the Dr. Dynasaur program to include children and young adults up through age 26.

Expansion of this successful program would benefit Vermont as a state because it would provide more transition time for local students and young adults to get situated professionally before having to purchase health care, if they are not on a parent's plan or don't have adequate coverage. It would also provide the opportunity for a healthier community overall, which is beneficial to all of us.

This would also benefit my employees. We currently cover the employee's health insurance but we do not cover the additional expense for family coverage. Some of our employees have families and Dr. Dynasaur expansion would remove the need for purchasing family plans, which cost approximately an additional \$300 per month per family for a high deductible HSA plan.

Lastly, this would benefit my business and other Vermont businesses because Dr. Dynasaur expansion would create a larger pool of young Vermonters and families incentivized to stay within Vermont after college or otherwise to work or start a business.

I support studying what Dr. Dynasaur expansion could accomplish for Vermont and encourage you to support funding this study.

Sincerely,

Wayne Nelson
President, L.N. Consulting