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Re: S. 175 Draft No. 4.2 4/12/2018-JGC- 1:38 PM

Dear Chairman Lippert and Committee Members:

Bi-State Primary Care Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on S. 175, Draft 4.2.

Established in 1986, Bi-State is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that promotes access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in Vermont and New Hampshire. Bi-State's Vermont membership includes 12 Federally-Qualified Health Centers delivering primary care at 64 sites and serving over 172,000 Vermonters.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide additional testimony on S. 175. As we indicated in earlier testimony, the 340B program is crucial for our members and their ability to serve as the safety net for Vermonters-delivering care regardless of ability to pay.

We want to express our support for the new language included on p. 9, lines 8-10, of this draft, that ensures stability within the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this additional language and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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