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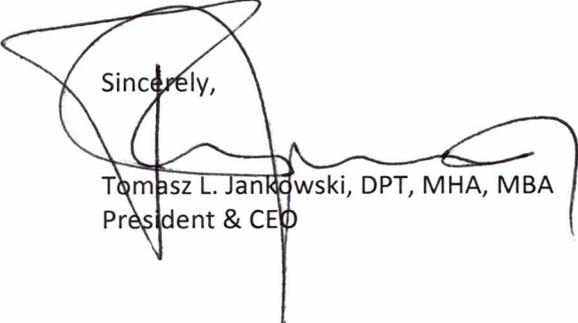144 State Street
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Dear Chairman Mullin:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of OneCare Vermont's proposed fiscal year 2020 budget. Our organization strongly supports the goals of the all-payer model waiver and works closely with OneCare Vermont to achieve them. NKHS is Northeast Kingdom's Designated Agency which provides comprehensive mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability services.

OneCare Vermont has been a strong community partner and leader in driving system change and improvement through innovation, information exchange, investment, and care coordination. Through its robust Care Navigator tool, OCV has significantly influenced and increased care coordination between primary care providers, hospitals, and NKHS. This has further allowed NKHS' clinicians timely access to information about patients reporting to the emergency departments, information to which our organization would, otherwise, have no access. With a sharp focus on cost containment coupled with financial incentives, and the sharing of best practices across the horizontal and vertical healthcare spectrum, OCV continuous to offer significant value in the ever-changing Vermont healthcare landscape.

NKHS looks forward to a continued successful partnership and collaboration with OneCare Vermont as it expends its investment in our community-based organization to ensure health, prosperity, and well-being of the individuals and families we serve in the Northeast Kingdom.

Sincerely,

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