Chair Jennifer Samuelson and members of the VT State Board of Education,

I am writing to indicate my strong opposition to altering the changes made to the proposed EQS Manual. Especially those changes that define discrimination, expressly prohibit it and expand protections against it. Oppressive and discriminatory structures have been identified in our systems, without explicitly naming and addressing these injustices we are complicit.

I also ask for transparency in the State Board's decision making process, and that the legal analysis which raised concerns for liability be shared with the general public.

Respectfully, Christa Mordoff Colchester, VT