Revised Testimony Margaret Maclean 2/2/17

This testimony presents revised numbers of districts based on a review of the current AOE merger map. My previous testimony was based on the Act 46 Implementation map which has a number of inaccuracies.

**82 districts** statewide, due to their history, geography and local values would benefit from H/S15.

For the most part these districts represent the rural parts of Vermont for which S/H15 is designed. A careful examination of all the options, preferred, conventional and alternative will allow them to find the best way to meet the goals of Act 46.

This number is comprised of: -

18 districts in 706b committees, which are stalled

43 districts that have chosen not to access state grants for their exploration of Act 46

8 districts that have accessed initial grants

13 districts that have rejected merger proposals

\*These numbers to not include any districts that have initial votes scheduled this spring. Including **2 districts** have voted NO to merger and have scheduled a revote.