

Dear Policymakers,

As a small Vermont business that has worked in the various state assisted weatherization programs for many years, I am writing to express my support for the Heat Squad run by NeighborWorks of Western Vermont and their efforts to expand their services to the entire State of Vermont. Please consider a direct appropriation of \$250,000 towards this effort.

Outreach programs of the Heat Squad have helped countless in our community access weatherization services and funding sources for their weatherization projects. Through this partnership with Heat Squad my company has expanded the volume of work we do, allowing us us to retain and expand our workforce. This has also allowed us to provide workforce training for our employees, creating employee growth, job satisfaction and career advancement opportunities for my employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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