

## Rebecca Buck

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**To:** Rebecca Buck  
**Cc:** Jim Masland; Tim Briglin  
**Subject:** VIT funding issue

To: State Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Senators:

I understand from a letter in the Valley News today that the question of funding for Vermont Interactive Television (VIT) for Vermont Technical College's nursing school is currently before the Committee.

While I have no knowledge of the nursing program itself, I would like to express my strong support, on energy efficiency grounds, for the increased use and availability of VIT wherever possible.

As I am sure you know, because of the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change, Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan calls for 90% of energy use to come from renewable energy sources by 2050. This is to be accomplished, in significant part, by the promotion of "energy efficiency and conservation as first priorities in all energy sectors," according to a brief official summary of the plan.

Transportation, a sector of our state's economy that depends almost entirely on fossil fuels, is a critical target for this effort. My wife and I already own a fully electric auto and a hybrid car with the goal of reducing our personal use of fossil fuels for transportation.

VIT is another extremely effective way to reduce transportation mileage and attendant fossil fuels. I hope you will bear this in mind whenever the topic of VIT funding comes before you. I strongly believe interactive television and computer communications need to be a steadily expanding part of our state's energy future.

Very truly yours,  
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