

February 27, 2014

To: The House Transportation Committee

Dear Committee,

I am writing this letter in regards to the possibility of eliminating Vermont Local Roads. Although I think VTrans does a great job, no town road commissioner will ever get the one on one help and knowledge from this program.

My name is William Gormley and I am currently the road commissioner in the town of Danby. When I stepped into this position there were numerous on going problems that desperately needed to be addressed. I worked directly with Dave Antone with VLR and after numerous phone calls and visits a permanent solution was discussed, planned, and put into action. We now have very grateful residents.

The VLR also provides Roads Scholar Workshops and courses for town road crews. This is a great way for neighboring towns to meet and discuss challenges and solutions to everyday problems that arise. I myself have attended numerous classes and always leave with a better understanding of the topic.

Please take into consideration this valuable resource made readily available to small towns like mine, it would be a great loss.

Sincerely,

William Gormley

Danby, Vermont