

**From:** Hatfield, Molly [MHatfield@vtc.vsc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** Theresa Utton  
**Subject:** Re: VIT funding

Dear Ms. Utton-Jerman,

As per our telephone conversation here is my letter of support for VIT:

My name is Molly Hatfield and I am currently finishing my Associates Degree in Nursing from Vermont Technical College. I live in Hyde Park and attend classed at the Newport VIT site. As a non-traditional student who owns a home and has children in the school system I would be unlikely to leave to earn my degree, but with VIT I am able to get a better job, stay hear and reinvest in my community. Technical colleges, such as VTC are essential to economic development, upward mobility and good paying jobs, especially in outer rural communities. Without VIT reaching these communities is not possible. VIT is like the sap tubing in a sugarwoods; we have invested in the equipment to use it, we know it works, we can't expect the trees to come to us, we aren't going to go back to using buckets, and we haven't come up with a better way.

Thank You,  
Molly Hatfield

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**From:** Theresa Utton <TUTTON@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:07 AM  
**To:** Hatfield, Molly  
**Subject:** RE: VIT funding

Holly –

You only need to let me know and I am happy to sign you up. However, this particular hearing is intended for advocates and lobbyists as we ask them to not participate in the Joint VIT Public Hearing for the public. That said, if you would like to testify on Wednesday it is best that you chose just one person to advocate for VIT. The committee has a policy that the same message be presented only once at a hearing. You can also submit written testimony and submit to me for distribution to the committee members. Let me know your preference. Thank you, ~Theresa

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**From:** Hatfield, Molly [mailto:MHatfield@vtc.vsc.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 5:57 PM  
**To:** Theresa Utton  
**Subject:** VIT funding

Dear Ms. Utton-Jerman,

My name is Molly Hatfield and I am currently completing my Associates Degree in Nursing from Vermont Technical College. I live in Hyde Park and attend classes over interactive television in Newport. I am interested in testifying at the public hearing on Wednesday the 25th in regards to the importance of VIT as the back bone of technical education delivery in rural communities. Please let me know if there is any further information I should know. I am also hoping to recruit some fellow classmates to join me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,  
Molly Hatfield