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Hello, Christopher.

I appreciate your effort to legislatively define the considerations around alternative energy project development in Vermont.

I feel very strongly that our headlong rush to be “green” is sacrificing what is most “green” about Vermont – our environment. What a blatant contradiction in values!

Unfortunately, it is the “green” (read: \$, jobs, tax revenue, etc.) that developers can flash around that blinds our representatives to those higher values that will ultimately “sustain” Vermont going forward – those qualities which make Vermont the “Green Mountain State” in the first place!

I am all for getting a grip on our carbon footprint through alternative energy sources. But I am adamant that we absolutely *must* go about it in an intelligent way - a way which mandates that the “powers that be” consider both the overarching interests of our state *and* the interests of local communities, whose interests so far have been subservient to those of those who have the most “green.”

So far this is not how we are doing things, and I am not at all convinced that our governor is on track with our best interests; rather, he seems to be on board with the interests of the *other* “green”: \$\$\$\$!

Here’s hoping *you* will represent my views,

Rodger Hamilton