

Dear Senators,

On April 28 I wrote you and mentioned that there were 153 municipalities that have voiced their desire for change and to be a part of a collaborative process as we move forward in our renewable energy goals. We are now at 160 municipalities, and counting! Seven of the Lamoille Senate District's nine towns are Rebellion Towns. Ninety-five percent of the district's voters live in those seven towns. That is the highest percentage of all of Vermont's 13 Senate districts. Addison is next with 18 Rebellion Towns (out of 25) that include 82% of its voters.

We are not going away. You have seen us on our two State House days. You've read our editorials, heard our frustration, yet we've also worked hard to provide education, show up, be a part of the process, and, to "try" to understand your motivation behind the goals set. And I've learned a lot. I've learned that many of those goals were set without a clear roadmap to achieve them. It is not too late to change course. It is not too late to regain sight of the reason why you became legislators in the first place, because you care, you care about Vermonters and you care about Vermont.

On multiple occasions through this process we've heard both SNR&E and HNR&E state that they don't know enough about noise to choose new standards in such a short timeframe. It only makes sense then to go through the process thoroughly and seek the answers you desire. It also makes sense to not move forward before you receive those answers. We must not create any more victims of industrial wind in Vermont. It is un-Vermont. We must care about protecting the health, welfare and property rights of Vermonters, as per Chapter 1 of the Declaration of the Rights of The Inhabitants of the State of Vermont, an oath you undertake.

Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery prohibited]

That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; ...

Many hundreds of families are counting on you to do just that. To protect us from harm, to go back to pursuing happiness and feeling safe. Please don't let us down.

Sincerely,

Sally Collopy