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**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 11:12 AM  
**To:** Governorvt@state.vt.us  
**Cc:** Theresa Utton; Rebecca Buck  
**Subject:** VIT Funding

Dear Governor Shumlin:

I am deeply disappointed to hear there is a possibility that the funding for VIT will be cut. VIT offers an economical way for all Vermonters to gain access to further education.

I am currently in my second VIT class, and intend to take 4 more to complete my library certification through UVM. I have been a teacher in Vermont since 1986, and feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to add another endorsement to my license. It would be quite difficult to undertake the program if I needed to travel for each class, which would be costly and time-consuming. The nineteen other Vermonters in my class are from all corners of the state, and it is truly beneficial for us to create a network of Vermont teachers and librarians that might not exist without the interaction provided by VIT. Without VIT, many of them might not be able to participate in the program.

Please keep this funding in place. Losing it might prove to be false economy: many of the classes now offered could be under-subscribed if only offered in one location.

Sincerely,

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