

Rebecca Buck

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Hi Becky,

I am unable to attend the meeting, but would like to express my concerns. Vermont is becoming an unaffordable place for many, including Native Vermonters, to live. Wages are spiraling downward while taxes and cost of living are increasing.

I heard recently that the Governor wants to spend money to help homeless. If a person needs a hand, that is fine. But for those able to work, there is enough community service work from cleaning sidewalks to cutting firewood for those unable to do that. I do not believe we need to support young men & women who can work. I also believe that if a person is incarcerated, the least expensive way to keep that person off the streets is the best way. I do think we need to train them for work, and am amazed that we close places like the Windsor farm where there was work that was self-supportive and created a learning experience.

As a current state employee of more than 30 years, I was all for the first round of pay cuts in order to save positions. A further cuts will enable many state employees to apply for food stamps and lay-offs will make matters even worse. Pretty darn sad!

I thank you for your time,
Dan Guyette