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To allow an exemption of act 250 is irresponsible. Can anyone name another business that can essentially close its doors for 50 years and then reopen them not acquiring any permits and not notifying the town or residents? That is essentially what the act250 exemption allows. What most states would consider an abandoned Quarry hole Vermont considers grandfathered. How can Vermont try to bring in residents from out of state but yet not disclose the act 250 exemption in every real estate disclosure document?? Who is responsible for disclosing that a quarry can open in your backyard at any time? The state? The realtor? The seller? Homes change hands sometimes multiple times in a 50 year period. One person may be okay with living next to a working Quarry but I can assure you most are not! How is anyone in the state of Vermont to feel comfortable attempting to sell their home without disclosing such a major flaw in the legislation? What if land is sold to a developer and 20 homes go up? Then 10 years later a quarry operator is allowed to come in and blow up the neighborhood because paperwork was signed back in 1994 that says they can?? How irresponsible!! This exemption allows these operators to come as close to neighboring property lines as possible and dig to unregulated depths, putting our water, foundations and quality of life at risk.. Vermont is the LAST state I would expect to have such legislation. I feel let down by the state on this issue. Many things were considered okay or harmless 50 years ago but times have changed, we know better now! Vermont should be on the forefront when it comes to protecting the environment and looking for sustainable practices going foward! Take a look at the aerial view of Warren switch and button falls rd.. there is NO reclamation being done! Just destruction!! Please show the country Vermont stands by the image it portrays as a progressive environmentally conscious state. Thank you so much!!!

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