

To: Faith Brown and District Commissions on Act 250
Re: Act 250 public hearing December 13, 2017

I was encouraged when attending the most recent meeting to see that the Commission on Act 250 is evaluating the way that Act 250 is implemented and how it can be improved with the input of as many Vermonters as possible. Since our current national administration shows little to no concern for the protection and health of our environment and thus our well being, it is now up to each state take over this responsibility. A well thought out and functioning Vermont Act 250 is now more important than ever.

I realize that it can be challenging to balance the interests of developers with the interests of the community in which a development is proposed. I would hope the goal of the Act 250 District Commissions would be to maximize the welfare of the entire community and region and the ecosystems involved in any proposed project. It is my hope that the implementation of Act 250 will always take into consideration far more than economic impacts and will, in future, shift emphasis from economic development to carefully planned development that preserves the environmental and social qualities that make our beautiful state unique.

Thank you for your consideration. I also want to add that I was encouraged to see how well the meeting was run and how respectful the commissioners were of each other. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely yours,

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