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To: Theresa Utton
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Theresa, I was scheduled to come to the meeting in Montpelier this evening, but family illness will keep me from coming. I am writing to let you know how important Neighborworks and their programs are to the State of Vermont's economy, it's citizens and old and tired housing stock. I have worked in the trade industry for many years focused on mechanical work, specifically residential plumbing and heating. I have subcontracted to many builders and companies that are trying to improve the way things get done and make a difference in the building world through better products, better insulation, or better techniques. Neighborworks is one of those companies, but they are actually doing it, not just talking about it. They employ and work with some of the best educated people in the business as I have seen first hand and they are making a difference one project at a time. The energy auditors let homeowners know exactly what they need to do to improve their home and are realists as to what is affordable and attainable. They have loans that will help lower income homeowners get the work they need done at great rates and help them save energy in the future. Without Neighborworks and their programs I really feel that some past clients may have moved out of Vermont due to high costs of living. Now they are comfortable and have lower energy costs.

I have worked with Neighborworks for almost two years and in that short time I have seen great things happen. Their efforts have provided work for large numbers of reputable energy contractors and all of the vendors that they buy material from locally. That all adds up to quite a bit of money that stays within Vermont and our local economies. Jobs have been created where there weren't jobs before and it has put unemployed people back to work. I can't say enough good things about neighborworks. I have used them personally for my home and have worked with them to help others. Please consider them for further funding as the money will be put to great use for a vast majority of Vermonters. Feel free to email me or call if you have further questions. Thank you, --- John MacIntyre 802-989-0322