Testimony provided by Rich Carlson representing NeighborWorks of Western Vermont to the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Request: Support the request for \$250,000. for 5 years to continue and expand the "Heat Squad" energy programs statewide.

\*\* Let me tell you why "I'm Hot for the Heat Squad"

Energy Efficiency saves homeowners money on their fuel bill, reduces C02 emissions, Creates jobs, and energy audit results have improved health conditions for our Elderly, Asthma, and COPD patients.

NeighborWorks provides income sensitive loans using State of Vermont Treasurer funds as lending capital for efficiency upgrades.

Loan payments can be added as a separate line item to your Green Mountain Power monthly Statement.

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