

Rebecca Buck

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Subject: Support H.763: Carbon Pricing Study

Hello Ms. Buck ,

I am a Sharon, VT resident and member of the Two Rivers Action Coalition, an Upper Valley organization that seeks to get our state to aggressively manage carbon for our future's well being.

The Governor's climate commission recommended that the governor support an independent, non-partisan study of carbon pricing. While the governor rejected that recommendation and is choosing to remain willfully ignorant, the legislature can move ahead on a study without him. As a constituent am asking you to do so by supporting H.763.

A well crafted carbon pricing plan is extremely effective in reducing carbon pollution, bolstering the local economy, growing jobs, and protecting the most vulnerable Vermonters — the very criteria that the administration seeks to fulfill in the proposed budget. We have done our homework and are confident that an impartial study will make clear that carbon pricing can in fact accomplish all of the Governor's priorities. And seeking information to develop policy seems like the only logical path forward.

It does not take too much digging to observe that a climate action and economic development policy such as might result from this study has proven effective across the globe in nearly 50 jurisdictions worldwide, including entire countries..

The impacts of climate change are getting more severe and Vermont is losing ground in our goals to significantly reduce our carbon footprint, while the fossil fuel economy continues to disproportionately harm low-income and rural communities. The time to act is now.

Thank you for taking my feedback.

Steve Gagliardone

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