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From: Theresa Utton
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Erik Nielsen
Cc: Rebecca Buck
Subject: RE: Carbon pricing in the state budget

Thank you Erik. ~Theresa

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From: Erik Nielsen [<mailto:erik@eriknielsenmusic.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Theresa Utton
Subject: Carbon pricing in the state budget

Dear Ms. Utton-Jermyn,

Please include a carbon pricing study in the state budget. 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. The clock is ticking on climate change, and just sticking our heads in the sand and hoping it will either go away or we can somehow "monetize" it, as the Governor seems to be doing, is no answer. Please help lead on this vitally important issue. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
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