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I was unable to attend the budget hearings either last night or today, but would like to provide these comments:

- * global warming is already a serious threat to Vermonters' health and well-being and will only get worse <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/1/19/16908402/global-warming-2-degrees-climate-change>
- * 90+ percent of economists support a carbon tax (see [this survey](#)) as a way to reduce carbon emissions, because it is lower-cost and more efficient than regulation
- * there has been discussion, debate, and political rhetoric surrounding this policy for several years in Vermont
- * the urgency of the issue requires that we move past that with objective analysis

Given the \$1.5 million bill for storm damage in my town from the July 1, 2017, rain storm (<https://dailyuv.com/feed/915382>) -- exactly the type of event that global warming models predict for New England -- budgeting \$100,000 for this study is a wise investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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