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To: msirotkin@leg.state.vt.us

Dear Mr. Sirotkin,

I highly support the bill I've recently learned about related to remote workers in Vermont. We talk a lot about improving Vermont's economy, and supporting job growth in all areas/sectors. By supporting Vermont's teleworkers, we are able to attract and retain talent in the state, contributing to our communities and the overall economy in very positive ways.

I think I'm a good example of this. I grew up just over the border in Western Mass in a small, rural town. I went to Middlebury College, left for a year, then came back for a year, and then left for about ten years to pursue a graduate degree and jobs in the city. However, I always wanted to return since my sense of community is here, and I wanted to return to a rural lifestyle.

I tried for 2 years to find a job in the international development sector (my field) but it was very challenging. And then I was given the OK by my employer in Washington, DC to telecommute. My only restriction on where I could live was that I needed to be in a place with high-speed internet (another topic for a different leg discussion!)

We bought our house in Huntington 8 years ago, and are able to contribute to our community, buy local, and utilize the services and small businesses of Vermont while working for employers in the city. We now have children as well. It has really been the best of both worlds.

I am very supportive of any measure that encourages this type of job growth. I now run a Meet-up group in the Burlington area for other International development / international affairs people - and there are quite a number of freelance and remote employees living in Chittenden County.

Thanks for trying to move this forward!

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