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Dear Vermont Officials:

Advanced wood heating supports our rural economy, working landscape, and commitments to climate pollution reductions all while stabilizing and lowering energy costs for Vermonters. It is with this in mind that we urge you to support Vermonters' access sustainable local heating by:

- Implementing a state sales tax exemption on the purchase of advanced wood heating equipment and fuel;
- Maintaining funding for the Clean Energy Development and Working Lands Funds and streamline financing and incentives; and
- Increasing the number of HVAC installers that can install and maintain advanced wood systems.

Taking these steps now will serve as lasting investments in Vermont and support the continuation of Vermont's long, proud history of a forestry sector which keeps energy dollars local, supports jobs for our neighbors, and keeps forests viable and sustainably managed. By utilizing renewable resources within our borders, we can forgo sending \$131 million out of state every year on heating oil and instead invest \$70 million annually back into our local economy.

As businesses and organizations whom use or support advanced wood heating, and are committed to growing the state's economy, we urge you to strongly consider taking these small steps which will have a substantial positive effect on future Vermonters.

Sincerely,

Wood Heat Supporters