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I recommend that the FY2020 budget include funds for energy efficiency programs that reduce fossil fuel use in homes and businesses. We have a very effective efficiency utility, Efficiency Vermont, that helps residents and businesses use electricity more efficiently and we need something similar to address fossil fuel use in homes and businesses. Vermont Gas has an effective efficiency program, but it's only available to some Vermonters in the northwest corner of the State. The majority of Vermonters heat their homes and businesses with fuel oil or propane and they need to have access to programs that will cost-effectively reduce their use of fossil fuels.

Suggestions:

Expand Efficiency Vermont's mandate to include fossil fuels and increase funding for this expanded responsibility
-OR-
Create and fund a Fossil Fuel Efficiency Utility similar to Efficiency Vermont

I also recommend that all of the Volkswagen settlement funds, both federal and state be spent on electrification, i.e. infrastructure to support vehicle charging and incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

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