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Thank you, Appropriations Committee members, for holding budget hearings around the state. I attended last night's in Winooski but could not stay long enough to speak. Like so many Vermonters and dozens of organizations representing thousands of Vermonters, I urge you to include funding to begin to address the climate crisis. Specifically, we need to expand the number of low and moderate-income homes to weatherize, doubling the number each year. The Governor's Climate Action Commission recommended this as well. The state's energy goals can only be achieved if the legislature makes funding available to do this vital work.

Use of the VW settlement funds to expand the purchase of electric vehicles, especially to low-income residents, will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help to transform transportation to more efficient solutions.

The speakers last night were persuasive in their pleas for better early child education, child care, better compensation for teachers, etc. I support all of these needs. But if the legislature fails to act on climate it will fail to protect future generations of Vermonters from the negative effects of global warming.

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