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Hi Appropriations Committee Members,

I will not be able to make the statewide hearing tonight, but do want to let you know my thoughts about the 2021 budget. We must take our problems seriously; homelessness, lack of affordable housing and

public transit, climate crisis and most of all in our little state, **income inequality!** As you have the task of deciding what the most important issues are for all of us, please be aware that all of us need a warm place to live, food and other sustenance and the ability to meet our ever growing needs as we age in place in our beautiful, yet sometimes very challenging state.

We need to know that our legislators are looking out for ALL of our best interests and not just trying to save the \$\$\$ of those most able to pay. Those in their mega-mansions are not about to leave our beautiful state. Make sure you make the appropriations that are needed, housing bonds, transportation funding and most of all address the huge climate crisis that is already so advanced as to be predicting dire consequences if we don't address it **NOW!**. If you get it right, we might actually be able to attract new young people to Vermont!

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