

Good evening,

My name is Emily Nelson. I am a shared living provider, a single parent, a school board member and the owner of an ancient homestead. As elected officials we strive to provide equity and I believe every Vermonter deserves the directly beneficial resource that HEAT Squad has been for me.

In 2014 my 250 gallon fuel tank was leaking oil into my dirt and fieldstone basement. A friend working for HEAT Squad, through AmeriCorps, told me about a program that connected me with funding for a replacement.

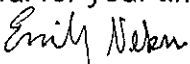
Last year I heard on the radio about a Rutland county air quality study linking health risks to inefficient wood burning stoves and I qualified to have my 1970's relic exchanged for a top of the line pellet stove. It has been an excellent source of heat this winter.

After having an energy audit, I also qualified for a new heat pump water heater and LED light bulbs. These improvements have greatly reduced my heating and electric bills, they have made my home and our state safer.

I continue to employ the plumber that HEAT Squad sent to install my hot water heat pump and five years later, my AmeriCorps friend continues to work in the energy efficiency field.

I am truly grateful for HEAT Squad and I am advocating for \$1.25 Million in funding so that all Vermonters can utilize this impactful resource.

I am sincerely thankful for your time,


Emily Nelson