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Subject: Testimony on climate package

Hi Matt,

Thanks for attending the hearing last night on budget proposals.

Here's a summary of what I said in support of the climate package:

Hi, my name is Peter Bergstrom. I live in Rockingham and volunteer both as the town Energy Coordinator, and on the Rockingham Conservation Commission.

I'm here to speak in support of the climate package, to provide more funding for weatherization, and for electrification of our vehicles, both of which will reduce greenhouse gases released by burning fossil fuels. Both the heating and transportation sectors in Vermont are very dependent on fossil fuels.

I'm asking for funding to double the number of homes of low income residents that are weatherized each year. Funding for this would come from doubling the fuels tax on home heating oil to 4 cents a gallon. This would directly help our most vulnerable residents.

I'm asking for all \$18.7 million of the VW settlement to go to electrifying our vehicle fleet. This is another critical need to meet our renewable energy goals. Using the VW settlement funds seems appropriate because they resulted from fraud by VW about the fuel efficiency of their cars. As a result, the VT drivers who bought them were emitting more greenhouse gases and air pollution than they thought they were, putting us farther behind in meeting those goals. Electrifying our cars, trucks and buses is the best way to make transportation use more renewable energy.

Thanks
Peter