

Public Comment on H.51, H.175, H.214
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To the House Energy and Technology Committee:

I urge you to enact an immediate moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure projects in Vermont.

Dirty energy infrastructure releases carcinogenic toxins; carbon dioxide, the most common greenhouse gas; and methane, the most potent gas, which traps heat in the atmosphere at 87 times the rate of carbon dioxide in a 20-year time frame. We must immediately cut, not drastically increase, our greenhouse gas emissions if we are serious about combating climate change.

Instead of building fossil fuel-based infrastructure in Vermont, we need to engineer and create a new kind of infrastructure, one that allows us to meet our needs without burning fossil fuels.

Any new fossil fuel projects proposed in our state are unneeded, hurt the environment and our health, and are against the interests of Vermont residents, who support a rapid transition to clean, renewable energy.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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