

Exhibit 1

As recently as November 8, 2018, VNRC had this to say about its support for Act 250:

SUPPORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT COORDINATORS, AND THE DISTRICT COMMISSION PROCESS Why? The District Commission process is the heart of Act 250. It was designed so decision makers from the region where a project is located decide on projects in manner that provides due process, while allowing citizens to address questions or concerns about a project without having to be represented by an attorney. District Commissions have, by and large, functioned as intended. However, as the complexity of the issues facing Act 250 projects have grown, along with a growing body of Act 250 case law, the volunteer District Commissioners have been tested. As Act 250 is modernized, Vermont must evaluate the job we are asking the Commissioners to do, and the resources they – and the District Coordinators who support them – are given to do it. How?

- **Require that District Commissioners have training or expertise in issues related to Act 250 such as environmental science, engineering, law, land use, or economics.**
- **Pay District Commissioners for service beyond a per diem. Consider making the Chair a part time job in recognition of the additional work a Chair must do.**

- Better staff the District Commissions with enough District Coordinator support, administrative support, and legal support.

- Keep the District Commission process open and accessible to the public.