

Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife,

My family is beside ourselves with your plans to keep the slate quarry exemption. For us it is a death sentence for the state of Vermont. Meaning we now must move. Leave our home and uproot our family. Did any of you read our testimony? We didn't move next to an active quarry and decide to complain about it after the fact. We moved into a VILLAGE!! Who was to know behind our neighbors home surrounded by trees was a 40 year dormant registered quarry? Who would have known 9 months after we moved in they would decide to try to reopen this pit that sits in a village, next to a dump, with 125 homes within 1/2 mile? You have let down my family, you have let down the residents of Vermont and you have let down the environment! You should be ashamed!!

Governor Scott is trying to lure families like ours who telecommute to the state by offering them \$10,000 and yet you are allowing the destruction of the beautiful natural environment people come here for! And these are not small destructions, they are building MOUNTAINS of WASTE that can be seen from NY! One thing is for certain. The state of Vermont does not deserve our family. They do not deserve my husband, who telecommutes. They do not deserve my three kids who are extremely smart and all in the top of their class. And they don't deserve me, a school employee, who fought to protect my home, family and community. But you know what? I don't want to be here anyway. In a state with fake environmentalism. Fake values. And paid off representatives. I hope you sleep well at night knowing that you have let the families who have lived through this nightmare down.

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