

We know that institutionalized racist policy violence has always and continues to relegate black and brown people to living in unsafe spaces. We ask that the 50-year review and update on Act 250 be reflective of this fact. worldwide are more likely to be hurt or killed from climate catastrophes or poisoned by the fossil fuel industry. We invite the legislature to fulfill their commitment to dismantle dismantling systemic racism in Vermont by passing the constitutional amendment to completely prohibit slavery (PR.2) and the bill that calls for a task force to study a State apology and a proposal for slavery -creating ethnic and social equity in our schools (H.?) and by strengthening commitments to equity and reparations (-H.465, S.120, H.4788). We remind the legislature of our collective and continued responsibility to hold safe the spaces where black and brown people currently live and dwell with clearly articulated expectations, while expanding oversight of law enforcement (H.464/S.119) and the judicial system (H.284) accountability and ensuring effective tools and infrastructure for the protection of black and brown people (H.465/S.145).