From: Judith D. Schwartz Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 2:01 PM Subject: [External] Concern about Wastewater

Hello Chairwoman Sheldon. I am an environmental journalist based in Bennington and I want to highlight my concern about water quality in the state. In particular, I would encourage you and your committee to help move along H. 263.

I recently contributed this piece on water to The American Prospect's special issue on the Green New Deal. <u>https://prospect.org/greennewdeal/healing-waters/</u> I conclude the article with the observation that "what is good for water is good for us." In other words, for the wellbeing of Vermonters, our environment, and our wildlife, we need to do right by our water.

Respectfully,

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