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Hello, Members of the VT House and Senate Appropriations Committees:

I am writing to encourage the VT House and Senate Appropriations Committees to include in their respective budgets funding that will assist in boosting Vermont's economy and achieving the state's energy goals, while at the same time creating jobs and helping Vermonters to save money.

As a member of the Climate Economy Action Team, a member of the Climate Economy Partnership, I recognize that there is much work to be done to reach the ambitious energy goals. While there has been an incredible amount of work in the development of renewable energy resources (solar and wind), there are two areas where much more work is needed - weatherization and transportation. This is supported by the recommendations of the NVDA *Regional Plan for the Northeast Kingdom* (adopted in 2018): <http://www.nvda.net/files/2018-volume-1.pdf>

Weatherization:

We should reauthorize and increase funding for the VT Weatherization Assistance Program;
We should provide funding to support the HEAT Squad, an organization currently working in the Northeast Kingdom and serving residents in the lower and middle income brackets.

Transportation:

We should incentivize a shift to electric vehicles by lifting the purchase and use tax (one-year) for new and used electric vehicle sales;
We should also provide a modest financial incentive to lower income Vermonters for the purchase of EVs or plug-in hybrids;
We should invest more funding in public transit for establishing new routes.

Making investments in the weatherization and transportation areas such as what I have mentioned above, we will move Vermont toward our ambitious energy goals. I fully appreciate the difficult work of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, however, so thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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