

Rebecca Buck

From: Jill Wilcox <jillmclerran@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Theresa Utton; Rebecca Buck
Subject: Budget

Dear Theresa and Rebecca,

I am writing to ask that a generous climate section be included in the budget for this fiscal year. Specifically, I would like to see the governor's requests for EV and weatherization programs be doubled. I would like to see the entire 4.5 million VW settlement dollars be used support programs to get more low and middle income people into EV's. I would also like the amount that the Governor allocated to weatherization be doubled and used for low and middle income Vermonter's.

I struggle to pay my bills and I desperately need to weatherize my house. Capstone Community Action sent me a form to fill out and send that would provide me with a free house assessment. I made \$1,000.00 too much to qualify. Meanwhile fossil fuel emissions and dollars are flowing out of my house because I can not afford to weatherize.

The Governor, Phil Scott, the Speaker of the House, Mitzi Johnson, and the Senate Pro Tempore, Tim Ashe, all said, at the beginning of the legislative season, that they would not entertain putting a price on carbon to lower our emissions. The JFO commissioned report said that we need to adopt carbon pricing mechanisms as well as implement programs to weatherize our homes and commercial buildings and electrify transportation. If the governor and the legislature is going to ignore the advice of this expert study, the least they could do is maximize the dollars spent on EV and weatherization programs.

Thank you for considering my citizen priorities regarding the budget,

Sincerely,

Jill Wilcox
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