

Rebecca Buck

From: Theresa Utton
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From: se burke <catcher102@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Theresa Utton <TUTTON@leg.state.vt.us>
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Hi, I'm writing to support climate action in Rutland County.

My qualifications are: worked twenty years in the automotive business and twenty years in education.

1) lived through three oil embargoes where it raised havoc with business profit and planning. Learned not to trust the auto industry but I believe Tesla can lead the way into the future. Vermont is smart building the infrastructure needed for EV.

2) have seen oil price fluctuations where household budgets were hurting families

3) lived on the west coast for twenty years, saw my nieces school closed due to smog alert, Lake Shasta and Lake Mendocino water levels drop 20-30 feet from drought and experienced wild fires in Southern Oregon where I worked and lived.

Returned to VT in 2016.

Bought a older home in Rutland Town and worked with NeighborsWorks and Efficiency Vermont making my house more efficient and livable. I have cut my heating cost in half with more savings to be found.

I believe for Rutland County to economically survive they need to make the older homes more energy efficient and more affordable to live in. Rutland was hit hard during the housing crisis and has never been able to fully recover.

From what I understand Climate Action Plan is a win- win- win- for jobs for our state, better living conditions for families, the community tax base of Rutland County and a better place to leave for my grandchildren and yours.

This a good fight we should support it, it benefits everyone!

Stephen Burke

Sent from my iPad