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Good morning-

My name is Jennifer Iannantuoni and I am the Chair of the Planning Commission for the Town of Killington. I am writing in support of a statewide increase to the allocation for Regional Planning Commissions. We use the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) on a very regular basis and their employees serve as a sounding board for almost all of our local planning and zoning decisions.

We are, as is typical in Vermont, a Board made up of volunteer non-experts. Our goal is to serve our community in a way that encourages healthy growth while balancing the need for purposeful and well thought-out planning. We do have a part-time Planner who works for the Town but we really rely on the RRPC to guide the Planning Commission and to support our part-time Planner. Within the last 6 months alone, the RRPC has worked tirelessly for us as we update and re-write our Town Plan, update our Zoning Guidelines and apply for transportation grants to build better recreational infrastructure in our Town.

RRPC employees regularly attend one of our two monthly PC meetings. They act as a local expert to support our questions and to provide guidance around all planning and zoning issues. I most appreciate their regional knowledge and ability to help us place our decisions in the context of Statewide trends.

The Regional Planning Commissions have not had an increase in funding since 2001 and they provide a critical resource to towns around our State. This is a time of critical growth in many of our communities and it is the Regional Planning Commissions who will assist local Planning Boards as they chart futures for their towns that include responsible and thoughtful planning and zoning.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important issue. Please call me with any questions.

Regards, Jennifer Iannantuoni