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Subject: FW: Governor's Recommended FY 2023 State Budget

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Madame Chair and Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee,

I'm a resident of Burlington, VT and this year I have become more keenly aware than ever how much we need affordable housing to prevent an increasing problem of crisis proportions in providing shelter for people of limited means. We currently have 112! children in Chittenden staying in motels until the end of March and it's unclear what will happen when that time is up. There's a lack of affordable housing options for them, for workers, for first time homeowners, for Vermonters.

We need full funding of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). I understand that the current proposal is to allocate only \$15.1M of the Property Transfer Tax funds. We cannot in good conscience ignore the critical need for affordable housing for Vermonters. **Please, please support the allocation of the full amount of \$35.2M.** We cannot afford to fall behind in funding affordable housing regardless of the federal funding available this year.

Please help Vermonters have a place to live.

Thank you.

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