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House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife State House Montpelier, Vermont

Subject: S.234, changes to Act 250

Dear Committee:

Having just listened to the recording of your session with the Deputy Secretary of ANR, I present this fact.

The general assembly has continually amended Act 250. Amending Act 250 has always been about incremental change. As you know, Act 250 was enacted in 1970. That was 52 years ago. In that time, the legislature has amended Act 250 98 times. That's an average of almost two amendments each year; almost four each biennium. Some of the amendments have been more far-reaching than others. This fact runs counter to the deputy secretary's assertion that passing S.234 now will sap the will of the legislature for future amendments. (My words, not hers.)

Sincerely, Thomas Weiss