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Subject: [External] I oppose the “cloud tax” sections of bill S. 53

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Dear members of the Senate Committee on Finance,

I’m writing to express my opposition to the sections of bill S. 53 that would impose a tax on cloud software and services. As a software developer in Vermont, I am concerned about the burden this would impose on the state’s tech sector, which is a part of our economy that I think we ought to encourage. As more and more of the tech sector embraces remote work, Vermont has an opportunity to attract more of these workers and companies to our state. A tax on the services and infrastructure that they depend on would do more harm than good.

Thank you,

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