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Representative Diane Lanpher, Chair House Committee on Appropriations Vermont State House 115 State Street Montpelier, VT 05633

RE: FY2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ACT

Dear Chair Lanpher,

Thank you for the opportunity for Regional Planning Commissions to testify regarding the proposed FY23 Budget Adjustment Act on January 17<sup>th</sup>. As requested by Representative Bluemle, we offer the following:

- 1. We respectfully request modification of the section on brownfields funding per the language supplied to the Committee on Tuesday. Specifically, deleting the language that removes the cap and increasing the allowable administrative percentage from 5% to 10%.
- 2. We support the change in the municipal planning grant provision.
- 3. We support the effort by the Administration to address rural capacity issues with a focus on under-served towns as required by the federal government. If approved by the legislature, we look forward to working with the Administration to address the needs of our under-served towns.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance to the Committee.

Best regards,

Catherine Dimitruk, Chair

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