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Vail Resorts
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Re: Energy Savings Account Program

Dear House Environment and Energy Chair Sheldon and Committee Members,

On behalf of Stowe Mountain Resort, Okemo Mountain Resort, and Mt Snow Resort, I would like to express our support for the Energy Savings Account (ESA) Pilot Program. Since 2019, the ESA program has supported the purchase and installation of high efficiency snowmaking equipment, efficient LED lighting, and HVAC upgrades. The implemented projects have annual energy savings of approximately 4,400 MMBtu. A complete report on all of our projects and the associated energy and financial savings are available in our report to the PUC and DPS.

To support Vail Resorts' goal of net zero emissions by 2030, it is important for these ESA funds to remain available to deploy in support of a wider array of projects beyond electrical energy savings projects. To reach our emissions goal, we must focus on both electrical energy savings as well as reducing our scope 1 emissions sources (natural gas, propane, diesel, unleaded fuel, etc.).

We look forward to working with the Department of Public Service and Efficiency Vermont on updating the existing ESA program so that companies like ours can move from the ESA Pilot into the permanent ESA program in the near future now that the ESA Pilot has ended. Participating in the ESA and having access to a significant portion of our EEC funds allows us to leverage additional internal resources and take on meaningful energy and greenhouse gas reduction projects.

We therefore support the amendment that is being offered for your consideration that broadens the scope of projects where EEC funds can be utilized by ESA participants in a manner similar to what was permitted under the ESA Pilot. We respectfully request your support of this amendment as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meta Bergwall".

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