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House Judiciary Committee

Deposition from Russ Layne  
Danby, Vermont resident

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity for inviting me to testify. I previously was invited by the Senate Committee for which I was available and spoke. The following is a recap of what I said:

I am a resident of Danby....a short 5 ½ distance from the controversial Slate Ridge compound run by Daniel Banyai. His presence is disturbing to both myself and other friends and neighbors, some of whom live in much closer proximity than even myself and my wife. Fortunately, through the environmental Act 250 court's decision, it appears that activity at Slate Ridge has abated. Nevertheless, my biggest concern is that Danby, as I'm told, and other towns in Vermont have no zoning which would deter such militia- styled behavior. I appreciate both Judiciary Committees taking up this matter seriously in order that all Vermonters can enjoy the privilege of living in a safe, peaceful environment.

Respectfully,

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