



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

Dear Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development,

We respectfully request that the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development take up and advance H.367, the bill proposing the creation of a *Vermont Olympics Task Force* to study and present a proposal on the feasibility of Vermont hosting the Olympic Games.<sup>1</sup>

Vermont has a remarkable Olympic legacy that reflects both our state's athletic excellence and the values we hold dear. Just recently, Vermonter Ben Ogden won an Olympic silver medal in cross-country skiing at the 2026 Winter Games, marking a historic achievement and underscoring our deep connection to world-class sport<sup>2</sup>. In addition, Vermonters like Lindsey Jacobellis, an Olympic gold medalist in snowboard cross, and Ilona Maher, bronze medalist in rugby sevens, have proudly represented our state on the global stage.<sup>3</sup>

Just as our local athletes have participated in the global Olympic movement, the state of Vermont could one day soon make one of the greatest contributions possible by hosting Olympic activities in the Green Mountains.

Recent reforms to the Olympic host selection process aim to cut costs and improve sustainability by prioritizing existing and temporary venues, allowing events to span multiple cities or countries, and requiring strong public support and alignment with long-term regional development and climate-responsible legacy goals.

The 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina are embodying new principles by prioritizing extreme sustainability, gender equality, and decentralized, cost-effective infrastructure. With over 90% of venues existing or temporary, the Games focus on using renewable energy, minimizing environmental impact, and integrating directly into local communities, reflecting a shift from massive, purpose-built, and high-cost infrastructure to sustainable, lasting legacies.<sup>4</sup>

We ask the committee to schedule a hearing on this bill and consider its potential to create economic opportunity, inspire Vermonters of all ages, and promote a more sustainable and resilient future in Vermont and beyond. Thank you for your service and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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*Representative Emily Carris-Duncan*

*Representative Greg Burt*

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<sup>1</sup> [H.367: An act relating to creating the Vermont Olympics Task Force](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Vermonter Ben Ogden wins silver in cross-country sprint | WCAX](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Stratton Mountain grad Lindsey Jacobellis wins 2nd gold medal | Mountain Times](#)

<sup>4</sup> [How Milano Cortina 2026 redefines the concept of Olympic living](#)