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To: House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure

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Re: Executive Branch Capacity-Enabled Actions from the Initial Climate Action Plan

During the Agency of Natural Resources' (Agency) January 13, 2026, testimony in the House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure, Representative Sibilia requested more information from the Agency on which Vermont Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction actions were being led, funded or otherwise supported by the Scott administration. The information that follows is in response to that request.

The Initial Climate Action Plan (Plan) was adopted on December 1, 2021, as required by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020 (GWSA or Act 153). The Plan identified more than 250 actions the Climate Council identified as necessary to fulfill the goals and requirements of the GWSA related to both emissions reductions and improving Vermont's resilience. Included in those actions are strategies and programs to achieve GHG emissions levels at three milestone dates: January 1, 2025; January 1, 2030; and January 1, 2050. Specifically, the proposed actions in the 2021 plan were designed to meet the 2025 target.

Attached is a list of the subset of those 250+ actions that are directly related to emission reductions for which the Executive Branch led, supported or brought capacity to since adoption of the Plan. The spreadsheet tracks the progress of thirty emission reduction measures, identifies the lead implementation agency and provides the status of the initiative.

In addition to implementing these actions, the Administration has proposed and dedicated significant funding for GHG emissions reductions in Vermont. Through the Governor's recommended budgets, allocation of resources at the Agency level, and through the pursuit and acquisition of competitive grants, the administration has committed over \$847 million dollars to climate pollution mitigation efforts since state fiscal year 2024. The Agency has compiled these funding initiatives in annual climate spending reports for state fiscal years 2024 through 2026:

- [State of Vermont Climate Funding Fiscal Year 2024 Report](#)
- [State of Vermont Climate Funding Fiscal Year 2025 Report](#)
- [State of Vermont Climate Funding Fiscal Year 2026 Report](#)
- [State of Vermont Climate Funding Fiscal Year 2026 Spreadsheet](#)

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As is evident from these spending reports, Vermont has relied heavily in recent years on federal and one-time funds to support climate mitigation measures. As federal funding programs, like ARPA, wind down, maintaining this level of investment in climate action would require significant state funding and therefore may be difficult to sustain.

In addition, supporting implementation of the 2021 Initial Plan, the Executive Branch continues to advance new initiatives from the 2025 Climate Action Plan, including providing the Legislature with a framework for greenhouse gas reporting as requested in the Plan. We are moving forward with rulemaking, both related to the Plan (Clean Vehicle Regulations) and outside of the Plan (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) that has both a climate and revenue benefit, as well as continuing to explore potential federal funding sources for climate action such as Direct Pay. These efforts continue to advance the decarbonization requirements of the GWSA in ways that are mindful of Vermonter's priorities and capacity to pay.