

April 7, 2026

ATTN: House Environment Committee ACT 181/S. 325

To whom it may concern:

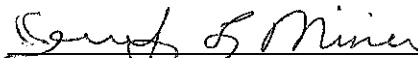
The town of Cabot Selectboard is writing this letter to state ever growing concerns with Act 181. We are not alone in our feelings towards Act 181. While we support a revision of Act 250, we do not support an expansion of Act 250, which is what the tiers are, we do not support location-based Act 250, and we do not support the road rule. We are in favor of lessening restrictions in town/village centers, but at this point, as written, it does not help Cabot, even if we were to get Tier 1b status. This is why the Cabot Selectboard is requesting a full repeal of ACT 181.


Cabot has a population of 1,443, which is three more than our highest population in the mid-1900s. Historically development in Cabot has been gradual, with 10 or less permits for new housing each year. 25% percent or more of Cabot is currently slated for Tier 3 (all along current class 1, 2, and 3 roadways), while other municipalities receive no Tier 3, no road rule and all the exemptions. Tier 3 should be equal amongst municipalities. If 6% of the state has or will have Tier 3 then there should be no more than 6% in EACH town. If this goes through as written, with the road rule and Tier 3, 80% of Cabot will have to go through Act 250. The inadequacy of Tier 1a and b in rural Vermont, and the inability for small rural towns to even opt in, for growth is the reason why we believe all of Act 181 should be repealed. Start over with something that lessens, instead of expands Act 250, so that people want to move to Vermont and not move out of Vermont.

This kind of legislation removes the ability for municipalities to solve their own problems and grow in ways that they want and need.

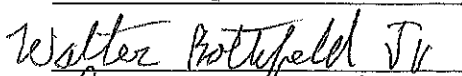
Thank you,


The Town of Cabot Select Board

 Chair

 Vice Chair





 Clerk