

Good Afternoon:

I'm writing to express the Bond Bank's support for the above bill that we believe would also benefit from the provisions described in the attached memo related to general fund reserves, emergency borrowing, and a less onerous debt service requirement for new bonds issues to mitigate flood impacts.

The Bond Bank is on the front lines of flood recovery with nearly \$20 million in loans outstanding associated with the 2023 flooding. That experience has shown us that these provisions are critical to the sustainability of Vermont's municipalities.

We are happy to discuss in the future but understand a critical first step is advancing the above bill in the next few days.

We hope that you will move this forward.

Sincerely,
Michael

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Michael Gaughan

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