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To: Chair and Members of House Government Operations Committee
From: Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies (VAPDA)
Subject: FY27 Budget Recommendation for Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)
Date: February 10, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the House Government Operations Committee:

We support the Administration's FY27 budget recommendation for Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions and recognize the fiscal pressures facing the state.

RPCs are managing increased workloads to support housing implementation, municipal capacity, and emergency preparedness, even as key funding sources decline. The loss of FEMA emergency management funding is expected to continue into FY27, while rural municipalities are increasingly turning to RPCs for assistance exploring shared service models to maintain service quality and control increasing costs.

We appreciate your support for the essential role RPCs play in supporting housing growth, strengthening local governments, and maintaining emergency preparedness across Vermont.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the State of Vermont.

Best regards,

Devon Neary, Chair
Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies