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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to Vermont's Wetland Rules. These amendments strike a careful balance between addressing Vermont's urgent housing needs and maintaining strong protections for our wetlands.

The changes are narrowly focused: they apply only to designated downtowns and village centers just 3% of Vermont's land and are set to expire in January 2030. Protections for Class I wetlands remain untouched, and Class II wetlands retain a 25-foot setback. For the remaining 97% of the state, wetland protections are unchanged or even strengthened.

Importantly, the amendments require a 2:1 net gain in wetland mitigation, ensuring that for every acre impacted, two acres are restored or conserved. This approach directs new housing to areas with existing infrastructure, minimizing environmental impact elsewhere, and supporting Vermont's Climate Action Plan.

These amendments reflect a pragmatic, data-driven response to Vermont's housing crisis, while upholding our commitment to environmental stewardship. I urge your support for this balanced and responsible proposal.

Thank you for your time'

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