

**From:** Springer, Darren [Darren.Springer@vermont.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 10:38 PM  
**To:** Trombley, Shana  
**CC:** Coriell, Scott; Gray, Laura  
**Subject:** Re: response to your letter

We might need to rearrange, we should try to do VPIC in Feb if we can

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On Feb 9, 2016, at 9:25 PM, Trombley, Shana <[Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov](mailto:Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Sorry - was at shelburne salt sheet meeting...

Morning of 23rd we are schd to speak at Dairy Conf in Burlington.

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Shana Trombley  
Office of the Governor  
802-371-7499

On Feb 9, 2016, at 5:30 PM, Springer, Darren <[Darren.Springer@vermont.gov](mailto:Darren.Springer@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Can we do feb one?

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On Feb 9, 2016, at 5:26 PM, Coriell, Scott <[Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov](mailto:Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Dates below. We should do as early as possible, right?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tom Golonka"  
<[tomgolonka@comcast.net](mailto:tomgolonka@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** February 9, 2016 at 5:10:36 PM  
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**To:** "'Coriell, Scott'"  
<[Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov](mailto:Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov)>  
**Cc:** "'Trombley, Shana'"  
<[Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov](mailto:Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: response to your letter

Scott,  
Our next few regularly scheduled VPIC meetings are February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We start at 8:30 AM in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room usually lasting into the early afternoon. Let me know what works and we can make arrangements for the committee.  
Regards,

Tom Golonka  
(802) 279-7331

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**From:** Coriell, Scott  
[mailto:[Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov](mailto:Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2016 3:26 PM  
**To:** [tomgolonka@comcast.net](mailto:tomgolonka@comcast.net)  
**Cc:** Trombley, Shana  
<[Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov](mailto:Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: response to your letter

Just following up with this. I know the Governor is eager to make his case sooner rather than later. Adding Shana, the Governor's scheduler, to see if we can find a time. Thanks.

Scott

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Coriell, Scott"  
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**Date:** February 3, 2016  
at 12:09:09 PM EST  
**To:** "Pearce, Beth"  
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**Subject: response to  
your letter**

Dear Chair Golonka  
and Treasurer Pearce,

Thank you for your  
invitation. As you  
know, the Governor  
feels strongly that  
Vermont should not  
be invested in coal,  
which is the single  
largest contributor to  
global climate change  
in the United States.  
The Governor also  
believes Vermont  
should not be invested  
in ExxonMobil  
because of the  
misleading tactics the  
company used to  
conceal their  
knowledge of climate  
change, a history  
which has the  
company being  
investigated by the  
Attorneys General of  
California and New  
York.

For those reasons, the  
Governor has made  
divestment a top  
priority. He would be  
happy to meet with  
you and the other

members of the Vermont Pension Investment Committee (VPIC) to urge you to reconsider your opposition to selling coal stocks.

Vermont has used divestment as a tool to tackle big challenges in the past. In 1986, the Legislature passed and Gov. Madeline Kunin signed into law an act directing the pension funds to divest from companies doing business with South Africa in response to Apartheid. In 1997, then Treasurer Jim Douglas, with the support of the Legislature, recommended divestment to shed Big Tobacco stocks. In 2007, Vermont divested state pensions of companies doing business with the government of Sudan in response to the humanitarian crisis in that country.

Each of those actions were not only justified at the time; they make us proud as we look back with a historical perspective. The Governor feels

strongly that climate change is an issue that represents an even greater challenge and requires similar, immediate action. In the past, divestment has been achieved through VPIC action and through Legislative action. The Governor will continue to pursue all available avenues to achieve this priority.

Sincerely,

Scott Coriell  
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Governor  
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