

Public Comment on H.51, H.175, H.214  
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I am not able to attend in person the hearing on Tuesday the 23rd, regarding H.51 and H.175, but I wanted to provide the following testimony in writing:

I support both bills, H.51, an act relating to fossil fuel infrastructure, and H.175, an act relating to prohibiting utilities from using eminent domain for fossil fuel infrastructure. I want to see Vermont be a leader in addressing climate change. I wish these bills had been made into law years ago. We simply cannot afford to build long lasting infrastructure that locks us in to the continued use of fossil fuels. And we absolutely should not be forcing people out of their homes, and off their land to do so.

Natural gas has been touted as a bridge fuel, but as we learn more about the long-term emissions from wells drilled for the extraction of natural gas, we know now that it is just as bad - if not worse - as other fossil fuels. I want a future for my nieces and nephews. I want to see us take this bold step, that is an impactful and important piece of the work that we need to do to address climate change. Thank you.

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