

Dear Legislators:

In light of Thursday's veto session, I would like to share my position on S.230 and renewable energy projects.

I believe communities need a stronger voice in the siting of energy projects and that Vermont should have reasonable sound monitoring standards for industrial wind projects. Addressing the concerns of communities is important to ensuring we move toward a clean energy economy. S.230 isn't perfect, but it was a compromise that sets the stage for more local control in the future and I think it's important to preserve that middle ground that was reached.

Additionally, I find it disappointing the Governor didn't voice his concerns earlier, when legislators, citizens and local governments were discussing this bill. The Shumlin administration should have communicated the Governor's issues at that point, rather than bring legislators back for a veto session at the last possible moment to the tune of \$50,000 of taxpayer's money on top the lost wages by those legislators who will have to take a day off from their jobs and lives to "solve" an issue that could have been addressed earlier.

This bill had almost unanimous support in both legislative bodies and reflects the capable work of the committees it went through. If the Governor and other parties have a solution, I think they should disclose it immediately so lawmakers have a chance to read it and hear feedback from their constituents. Otherwise, knowing the process S.230 went through, I would recommend you override the Governor's veto. This is the level of transparency we should expect from government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Scott