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Dear Joey and Chris,
Today Governor Shumlin vetoed S.230, the energy-siting bill. Among the concerns raised by the Governor in his veto of the bill is that the temporary sound standard for wind projects in the bill is more stringent than the standard the Legislature intended to adopt.



In addition, the bill was supposed to include \$300,000 to support the community planning provisions that are a key part of the bill. This funding was inadvertently left out of the bill adopted by the Legislature.

The Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) strongly supported the passage of S.230. Among other benefits, S.230 represents an important step forward in increasing local and regional participation in energy siting decisions for communities. S.230 also creates incentives for solar projects located on rooftops, parking lots, landfills, and other areas Vermonters have identified as areas where they would like to see renewable energy development occur.

However, VNRC believes that to be meaningful the planning portions of the bill must be properly funded. In addition, VNRC is concerned that progress towards combating climate change and meeting our renewable energy goals will be slowed if S.230 is interpreted to apply an overly restrictive sound standard that was not the intent of Legislature.

Accordingly, VNRC urges the Legislature and Governor to come together and address these issues so that Vermont's progress on renewable energy development can continue, and community planning and input can be better integrated into the siting process. The Legislature has an opportunity, on June 9th, to correct the flaws in S.230 by adopting a corrected bill and sending that to the Governor for his signature.

Sincerely,

The VNRC Team

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