

Public Comment on H.51, H.175, H.214
April 25, 2019

To the Vermont Committee on Energy and Technology:

I am writing to express overall support for H.51, H.175 and H.214. However, I urge the Committee in Energy and Technology to carefully examine the details in each of these bills based on comments submitted by Jim Dumont.

At last night's hearing, critics of these bills referred to Vermont's small carbon footprint. This is not a legitimate criticism. The responsibility to mitigate climate change rests on every individual, every community and every state legislature. As a state, we are already experiencing dire consequences of our shifting climate.

Furthermore, Vermont has an impact on national policy and attitudes far beyond our size. We have both an opportunity and a responsibility to make use of our position as a small state that can make significant changes.

Please take up this legislation at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,
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