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**Subject:** VT Homeowner Assistance Program

I heard there was discussion yesterday related to provisions delaying a tax sale when a property owner has applied to VHFA for the Homeowner Assistance Program. I understand you'll have the League in to testify on this today but I wanted to offer this information if it helps the committee:

As of April 14, VHFA has received 814 applications for property tax assistance. 522 of these, or 64%, are in towns that are "active" in our system. The remaining applications come from 116 more communities who we are hoping will become active soon. We co-hosted -- with VLCT -- a workshop for towns last week with about 100 participants which generated 42 new towns sending in onboarding paperwork as a result. The process for towns is explained on our website ([click "property charges" tab on this page](#)) and getting onboarded largely just means sending us W9s and ACH information, which is all we need to process payments. We can send your committee a list of towns that are active and pending if they'd like to help us spread the word about the importance of signing up. They have all been contacted by VHFA already and we are continuing to follow up every several days.

As a reminder, information about the outcomes of this program is also [posted online](#). Next week we'll be adding payment information to this dashboard.

I'm happy to answer any questions about this or just have this be added into the record as my testimony.

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