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Lt. Governor Phil Scott issued the following statement in response to the House and Senate passing S.138:

“Paving the way toward a more prosperous future for Vermont requires putting our full focus on growing the economy. Today, with the passage of S.138, the Vermont House and Senate took a solid first step down that path. This bill makes it easier for entrepreneurs to access capital, repeals the cloud tax, provides assistance to first-time homebuyers, invests in marketing Vermont as a place to live, work and play, facilitates the creation of a trained, modern workforce, and starts discussions at both the regional and statewide levels on a number of fiscal priorities.

“Some of these priorities were both inspired and reinforced by members of Vermont’s business community at six ‘Economy Pitch’ sessions around the State. They deserve our thanks for providing proactive solutions to our problems, as do the legislators who crafted, refined and voted for this bill.

“While S.138 is not the complete answer to all of Vermont’s economic problems, it is a strong springboard for the work we still must do. Over the coming months I hope legislators of all stripes will put forth numerous ideas, and introduce legislation, in order to grow Vermont’s economy. We must continue to remember we are all members of the same team, the team of 625,000 called ‘Vermont,’ and all play a role in shaping a more prosperous future.”

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