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Vermont State House

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Margaret Handler
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Dear Margaret:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office. I appreciate you sharing your concerns on the urgent and consistent action needed to address climate change and to protect our land, water and environment for the next generation.

I share your views and recognize your concerns on water quality and land conservation. We must prioritize combating climate change, preserving our working lands, and protecting the climate and environment that is so core to our identity as Vermonters. We have trusted the science and acted with vigilance in responding to this pandemic, we must do the same in addressing the climate crisis and environmental protection.

My office is limited in legislative authority, but I will continue to use my platform to elevate our shared concerns. I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office again.

I wish you good health as we work together to ensure Vermont recovers stronger from this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Molly R. Gray
Lieutenant Governor of Vermont

I am dismayed by the failure of this administration to prioritize environmental issues. As usual, environmental concerns get shuttled to the bottom of the list. We need more than tepid words with no concrete action to back it up. Water quality is crucial to the economic success of this State, not to mention the security of human and animal life moving forward. Land conservation is critical, especially in this new era of unprecedented development pressure. Climate change is forcing all these issues to the forefront, and yet we hear nothing from this administration. Please step up as a leader and ally on environmental issues. Please help us prioritize the environment. Our future depends on it.