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Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street, Suite 4
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RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

Dear Vermont Public Utilities Commission:

The Vermont Department of Health (Department) is pleased to provide comment on Efficiency Vermont's (EVT) proposal for its programs and services for 2021-2026, as they have the potential to positively impact the health and wellbeing of Vermonters.

The Department's research shows that home weatherization and energy efficiency improvements can reduce emergency department visits, hospitalizations and early deaths associated with asthma, cold, and heat, while also improving outdoor air quality. In recognition of these beneficial health impacts, the 2019-2023 State Health Improvement Plan identified the expansion of funding for home weatherization programs as a priority.

In recognition of the health benefits that are likely to be realized, the Department is supportive of efforts to increase investments into home weatherization and energy efficiency programs. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Levine".

Mark A. Levine, MD
Commissioner

