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To the **Public** utility commission board,

I would respectfully like to submit my comments in regards to Act 18 (the clean heat standard) (affordable heat act)

I have advocated for our industry for almost 5 years now including testifying in Montpelier on a couple occasions.

Vermont in its quest to be number one in the Nation and leading the world in the New Green Deal movement has missed, in my opinion, a very important fact. Our little state with a population of 645,000+/- people leads the country in the lowest carbon emissions with a carbon intensity of 2.9. Asking our small population to take on such a monumental burden is not only unfair to all, but unrealistic and extremely cost prohibitive. You are asking us to cross a 1000 ft. ravine with no bridge or safety net!!

Somehow I am seen as big oil trying to destroy the planet when in fact I am a small 10 employee, 58 year old family company run by almost all native Vermonters.

To say we have no regard for Vermont and the planet is ridiculous. We have children and grandchildren here too. The health of Vermont is very important to us but so are our customers and the economy.

Our industry has worked hard at finding cleaner alternatives within our fuel and we have made great strides. My company was the first company to bring renewable Propane to New England. Are we there yet? Can we serve all customers with renewable propane? No. But given the same opportunity as the electric path we can potentially get there quicker.

The movement to a cleaner energy needs to be a dial not a switch and it needs to be done with more than one energy at the table for our security and well-being. We can't save the world at the expense of our own state. We like to talk about the most vulnerable while we are literally about to leave them out in the cold!! Please consider the consequences of this action and timeline.

Respectfully ,

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