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Good morning,

Please accept this email as opposition to the Clean Heat Standard, Carbon Tax, "un"Affordable Heat Act, or whatever it seems to be called on a given day.

I have lived in Vt all of my life, all of my family is here, and I would like to retire and die here. Bills like this (these?) are making that very difficult. I hope to retire within the next year. I have been working since I was 13 years old, babysitting. I worked all thru HS and have been working full time ever since. I have paid my dues as far as I am concerned and deserve to be able to retire. I am scared to death that affording it is going to be about impossible and I DO NOT want to die working at my desk. The cost of heating, food, health care and even utilities are going nuts and life should NOT be like this.

I have also worked in the home heating industry for almost 27 years and have heard more of my share from people who barely make ends meet. It's pretty sad to have an old lady on the phone crying because she's cold. We have been fortunate to have programs available to help but it shouldn't have to be that way and even then there are only so many funds available for people. The people who qualify for those programs are the poorest part of the residents in Vermont. What do you suppose you say to someone who could earn only \$5 or \$10 over that threshold? They are still hurting and having a hard time surviving. This has to STOP!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you,
Sandra Labounty