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Please consider my comments on the Clean Heat Standard and energy policy in general.

1. Repeal the GWSA mandates and let them be aspirations.
2. Repeal the invitation to sue the state provision of the GWSA.
3. Recognize that renewable are 2-4 times more expensive than the current grid mix, so more renewables will only raise the cost of electricity.
4. Recognize that the cost to transform the grid to allow for more electricity will be a capital expense with a guaranteed ROI for the utilities, so plug in a number for that.
5. Recognize that the grid will have to have more natural gas generation to provide capacity as demand for electricity increases. There will be times when the sun is down, the wind is calm, the batteries are dead, and HQ is tapped out. We must pay for reliable, dispatchable capacity even if it's not generating because at times we will need it. Renewables are redundant and should not be subsidized.
6. Recognize that VT Yankee should still be operating, but since it has been demolished, investigate a new modern nuclear plant at the same location where transmission still exists.
7. Collaborate with NE states to bring more natural gas pipelines from PA (home to a humongous natural gas reserve) so we don't have to import LNG from God knows where. Big projects can be done - see the Lake Champlain cable project, a massive undertaking. Put together an RFP and let's stop fooling around.
8. Recommend to the legislature that we revert to the statutory language about electricity (reliable and affordable) that existed prior to the solar subsidy scam.
9. Don't make a case for rules for the Clean Heat Standard. It needs to be scrapped.
10. Don't force EVs and Heat Pumps down our throats. We will buy them when it makes sense for us on a case by case basis.
11. Do not encourage the creation of a politically regulated market for energy. We have a fair market already - it's called the free market.
12. Thank you for doing your best under what must be very difficult conditions, having your recommendations shelved by ill-informed politicians. I pray we can get back to basics and common sense.

Respectfully submitted,  
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