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Hi, I have already submitted my opinion about the so-called clean heat standard. I have asked to be notified when a feedback session was happening, but hadn't heard anything until I read today on VT Daily Chronicle that there had been a feedback session last night.

I am sorry I missed it.

I want to again submit my opinion that Act 18/Clean Heat Standard/"Affordable Heat" act is wrong in every way. Trying to force people to use electricity by raising the cost of wood, oil, and propane is just plain crazy and shows how out of touch the legislature is from regular, working-class Vermonters and elderly people.

People are going to be forced to choose between heat and food/rent/mortgage/housing. Especially with the crazy property tax increases. People who have existing, perfectly adequate oil and LP heat will, if they can't afford fuel, drag old wood burners out of the garage - home fires will ensue. And people who don't do that are very likely to just freeze to death in their homes or keep the heat so low that their pipes freeze.

It's frankly the stupidest plan I've ever seen.

Please kill the bill. Think of ordinary, poor, working-class, and elderly people. If rich people want to put in electric heat pumps, God bless them. They don't have to force their preferences on the rest of us.

Sincerely,
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