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The hive mindedness of the Democratic super majority and Public Utility Commission in pushing the Clean Heat Standard, while so many questions about its final cost and second and third order effects go unanswered, confirms beyond a doubt that they are Zealots in the religion of Environmentalism.

The 2020 Census listed Vermont as the most rural state in the Union. Working class people, the same ones the Democrats claim to speak for, will pay the highest of these unknown costs. If you've traveled to places outside of Chittenden county, or Brattleboro, you'd know paying their monthly bills is a very real challenge.

News flash! the sun will not burn out for another four billion years. Vermont comes in first, or second in every recent poll on environmental stewardship and quality of life. There is no pressing need to hurl ourselves into the unknown with the Clean Heat Standard when the only known is massive, punitive additional costs to Vermonts most venerable citizens.

No one is against a clean safe place to live. The arbitrary timeline for **implementation**, based only on the fevered dreams of those imposing this pandoras box of regulation and costs on us is where the issue lies.

Montpelier's immediate focus should be keeping our youth in the state by relaxing onerous regulations preventing companies from moving here and expanding the tax base, allowing builders to build more affordable housing and not taxing military pensions. Vermont is the smallest and most rural of the five states that offer no exemptions on military retirement benefits. This conscience decision only accelerates the brain drain of many of Vermonts most capable citizens.

The least you can do is wait until the true cost numbers are confirmed. You owe it to all Vermonters. It's not your money. Believe me, we will all still be here when that day comes.

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