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My name is Cindy K. Lewis.

I would like to address my concerns about the state legislators who are about to implement the CHS.

This address is new. We recently sold our home in central VT and purchased a home in the valley. In the last house, the primary heat was electric. The house was cold unless you used the LPG heater, and when the electricity went out, which it does regularly, we relied on a gas-powered generator. That generator was a lifesaver and took time and hard work to afford. We recently sold in the mountains and purchased in the valley. Both houses need work and have infrastructure issues. This current house needs a new heating system. The last one was septic. Financially, these are enormous challenges. There are few choices; like everything else, you are at the mercy of the state's regulations and approval.

I foolishly thought that if Trump were elected in this current presidential election cycle, he would lower the cost of living, and maybe we could all catch a break. But then I realized it wouldn't help Vermonter's at all. No one will help the low- and middle-income Vermonter's; it's easy to understand why the low-income earners are leaving the state. It's ruled, not governed, by people who don't care about those who live here. The laws implemented by the state legislators leading the way to save the planet are on the backs of Vermonter's. Oil has been the boogie, man. We supposedly fought wars over oil; our enemies, the Saudis, were terrible because they had all the oil. This was a regular on the old TV news. Over time, oil continues to be the axis of evil while pushing alternative unaffordable heating that isn't applicable to all homes.

But you don't care about Vermonter's. We don't seem to be a part of your ecosystem.

Every law you pass concerning the environment is on the backs of Vermonter's whose lives are becoming increasingly difficult to live in the state. The top income earners are keeping the stagnated economy limping along. I assume that would include those who have created the CHS and agreement to decrease our carbon footprint, no matter the cost.

Eventually, more will leave, and fewer will move in, mission accomplished.

What would be preferred to ease negative energy would be for those wanting to stop oil and its by-products, relocate to China or India, and do their excellent work there.

