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To the Public Utility Commission:

I support the concept of the Clean Heat Standard.

I strongly support the inclusion of woody biomass options in the current statute. I have a thorough understanding of why these fuels are carbon neutral and a very important component of reducing electrical peak demand in winter as well as creating many environmental and economic benefits in Vermont.

I believe the statute should be stripped of many of the requirements that constrain the ability to seek the most cost effective options to reduce use of fossil fuels.

Any potential negative effects on lower income Vermonters can be dealt with separately through mechanisms like adding to a refundable low income tax credit.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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