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Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Clean Heat Standard. I believe this initiative was well-intentioned, but not the right solution for Vermont. Vermonters cannot bear this financial burden, especially when there are so many other more pressing issues. As a small, sparsely populated state, Vermont should not be leading the way in CO2 emission reduction efforts - such efforts would be more wisely implemented in densely populated areas, major cities, as well as global commerce, etc. There are many ways to mitigate and prepare for the effects of climate change, and solutions will look different in different places. Vermont needs to focus our limited resources on regenerative agriculture and flood resilience; those are the areas where our dollars will be the most impactful. Even if Vermonters could afford the Clean Heat Standard (which they cannot), it would be a poor misdirection of resources.

Climate change is indeed a threat to our way of life, but our way of life is also a threat to all other life on this planet. We need to take steps to restore our ecosystems so that they will in turn continue to support us. We as a species need to reduce our emissions and our environmental impact overall. Vermont is a small state with very limited resources - what is the best way for us to contribute solutions? Our current agricultural landscape is causing extensive soil erosion and water pollution, all of which is exacerbated by recent flooding, to the effect of decimating our rural communities. This is where we need to focus and invest our resources. This is how Vermont can contribute solutions to the bigger picture.

I strongly urge you to vote against the Clean Heat Standard in 2025. Thank you for considering.

-A concerned young person living in the NEK