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Thank you for your consideration of my attached comments.

Thanks,

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**Holly Anderson**

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**Re: Case No. 23-2220-RULE – Proceeding to Design the Potential Clean Heat Standard**

Dear Ms. Anderson and Members of the Vermont Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Clean Heat Standard and the Global Warming Solutions Act. As highlighted in your recent memo, the proposed Clean Heat Standard is confusing, invites the potential for fraud, and fails to adequately address our reliance on fossil fuels.

At the public comment meeting this past Wednesday, it was clear that Vermonters do not view this legislation as beneficial. We are frugal, deeply committed to our environment, and resourceful in our daily lives. This legislation disregards our needs and threatens the very fabric of our communities.

Vermonters are being priced out of our state. If this trend continues, only the wealthy will remain, raising serious concerns about equity. The legislation feels rushed and driven by the desire to be first rather than focusing on what truly benefits our neighbors and communities. We need to make Vermont a place where everyone can thrive.

It was disappointing that legislators were absent during the public comments, as it was evident that everyday Vermonters overwhelmingly oppose this legislation. Our representatives seem not to be listening and are instead influenced by external pressures from environmental activists who do not represent the interests of Vermont residents.

I commend the Public Utility Commission for its impartiality and civility during the meeting. However, I urge you to prioritize the voices of the residents you serve. We must pursue policies that genuinely reflect the values and needs of Vermonters rather than initiatives that serve a select few.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

Sincerely,  
Jim Kurrle  
General Manager

