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Dear VT PUC,

Vermonters will always choose the route that preserves our beautiful Green Mountains and if you asked homeowners I would imagine most would choose every form of efficiency they could **IF it was sensible and affordable**. The CHS is neither.

The Clean Heat Standard is trying to create an incredibly unnecessary complex route without taking into account the people it will negatively impact the most. Also without taking into account the positive strides many have already made towards a similar mission.

If we are forced to move forward with this I hope you will consider the following:

- the hard working businesses that install items that qualify for the CHC should be the ones receiving the credits.
- VT can be a difficult place to thrive as a small business - the PUC needs to work with them and determine what the actual cost per gallon will be.
- There needs to be much more communication to Vermonters about this via media coverage and/our legislators. Give the public plenty of time to weigh in on things that impact them.
- How will we regulate & certify this system to prevent fraud & manipulation?
- Business moves fast and so does technology - can this system stay relevant and usable or will it be fraught with issues and errors? Stay true to the mission of lowering emissions. Bio-fuels and propane, both very efficient, need to qualify for CHC.
- Set realistic goals, standards, fees, and processes. Bring everyone to the table for this discussion. Vermont is not a one size fits all state, we need to make sure we are creating something that helps not hurts us. If this "solution" is taking so long and hitting so many hurdles, maybe we are headed in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your time,

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