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Representative Mari Cordes
Vermont State House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Cordes,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to you and the legislative Climate Solutions Caucus.

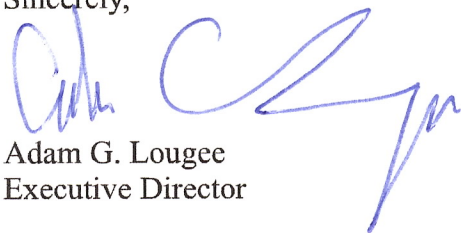
The Addison County Regional Planning Commission has compiled its priority actions for climate change mitigation directly from the Energy section of the Addison County Regional Plan, as adopted on July 18, 2018. These priority actions for climate change mitigation include:

- Increased subsidies and incentives for electric vehicles, heat pumps and residential photovoltaic (PV) systems;
- More electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- Increased financial support for weatherization for most income levels;
- Development of more large scale islanded combined PV and battery backup projects;
- Increased support and incentives for home-scale battery backup accessible for grid peak load;
- Increasing the current 500 kw cap on net metering projects for municipalities;
- Balanced low carbon generation and demand development planning;
- Transparency in the Vermont climate council process;
- Rail transport, passenger and freight, in the western corridor;
- Renewable fuel development for agricultural uses;
- Expanded funding for Efficiency VT to reduce fossil fuel use;
- Broadband Internet (although separately funded from Climate Mitigation, has huge climate effect)

These priorities were approved by the full Commission for recommendation to the legislature at its meeting on Wednesday, April 14th.

Thank you again Representative Cordes for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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