Hello, {name}!

My name is [Insert Name]. [Share about your affiliation and your role on the AC]. I am part of Environmental Justice Advisory Council which supports the implementation of the Environmental Justice Law (Act 154 of 2022) here in Vermont.

I am reaching out to you because the Agency of Natural Resources is **holding a public comment period from July 1 - August 11.** This public comment period is about guidance for State of Vermont agencies to report on their environmental benefits spending. After agencies complete their reports using this guidance, they will work on proportionately distributing their spending to environmental justice focus populations.

What are environmental benefits?

Environmental benefits could be anything from parks to public transportation to indigenous knowledge. They are anything that helps communities and individuals function and flourish in society.

Who is the Environmental Justice Law for?

The Environmental Justice Law defines environmental justice focus populations as parts of the state where part of the population:

- is low-income,
- are people of color,
- and/or speaks a language other than English.

Why is the public comment period important?

This public comment period is an opportunity for environmental justice focus populations to weigh in on how agencies engage with reporting on and distributing their spending on environmental benefits.

How can you get involved?

Because of the nature of your work, I believe you and the communities you serve have a valuable perspective to bring to this public comment period. I hope that you will consider leaving a comment. Please share information about this public comment period with your network:

- Draft Environmental Benefits Spending Guidance

- Environmental Benefits Spending Guidance Overview
- Environmental Benefits Spending Guidance Frequently Asked Questions
- Public Comment Period Flyer
- Environmental Justice Law Fast Facts

Materials are also available in Arabic, Burmese, French, Nepali, and Somali or can be translated into other languages by request!

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is other information I can provide you.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,