

Dear Legislative Leaders:

We have been asked to write on behalf of the legislatively appointed members of the Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee to inform you as to where we stand on the development of actions and related budget requests.

The attached list was presented by Climate Council staff to the Steering Committee at our meeting on Monday, February 14th. The Steering Committee asked staff to consult with Council subcommittee co-chairs to ensure the list of essential Climate Action Plan items is complete. Once we have that input the Climate Council will review all of the items and budgets associated with each. A request from the Council will likely come to the legislature in mid-March. Please note that the attached list in its current form has not been prioritized by the Climate Council, nor Steering Committee, rather it represents a draft of current considerations to be discussed at our next meeting.

We understand that our process is lagging behind the legislative schedule, but we wanted to make you aware that a request is coming. We should also note that Administration members of the Steering Committee and Council do not feel they are able to take a position that is contrary to the Governor's budget. To that end any recommendation that comes to you may be limited to the perspective of appointed members only.

Please let us know if you have any questions.