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While the draft Plan has some notable high points such as its commitment to greater equity, <u>the draft</u> <u>does not recommend utilizing new in-state wind resources to meet Vermont's future energy</u> <u>needs</u> and therefore falls well short in moving Vermont towards a more independent and resilient energy future based on reliable in-state wind and solar power. Also the Plan states that, "*Under any reasonable measure, the existing siting process allows well-sited generation projects to be built in Vermont.*" However, it has been well documented that the existing siting process is unpredictable and unnecessarily time-consuming adding extra costs and uncertainty to the construction of renewable energy projects.

As a VT resident, architect, author of a book, The New Zero, a speaker throughout the US, it is unfortunate that Vermont is not a leader in supporting renewable energy and not making the commitment that is needed to meet the severe climate future and challenges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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