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Representative Michael Marcotte, Chair
House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

RE: S.127 Comments

Dear Chair Marcotte:

We are providing the following comments to you regarding S.127 for consideration by your committee. We would be happy to come in and testify if that would be helpful.

1. We support Sec. 16 Community and Housing Infrastructure Program. We have three suggestions to better integrate RPCs and RDCs into this program.

    a. In § 1906 (13) "Related costs" … Related costs may include direct municipal expenses such as departmental, ~~or~~ personnel, regional planning commission, or regional development corporation costs related to creating or administering the housing infrastructure project…
    b. We respectfully request that an additional requirement be added to § 1910 (c) Process requirement.
        (4) the applicable regional planning commission has provided a letter affirming the project's conformance with the regional plan.
    c. We suggest a small edit below to eliminate some words that we think will cause confusion and instead rely on the language proposed above in (b):
        (1) § 1910 (e)(2) an area designated Tier 2 pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 151 (State land use and development plans) ~~or an area~~ in which the housing development site is compatible with regional and town land use plans ~~as evidenced by a letter of support from the regional planning commission for the municipality~~.

We are also providing companion comments to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any clarification on our requests or would like us to testify. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



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