And then in 2020 everyone came together and fixed the climate, even though it was hard. That was our finest hour.

March 2, 2020
Renewable Energy Vermont propels climate solutions and Vermont’s clean energy economy which directly enables more than 18,800 jobs at 3,612 businesses representing approximately 6% of Vermont’s workforce. Together, we will achieve 100% total renewable energy (electricity, heating, & transportation).

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Legislation Needed to Address these Problems:

✗ Electricity costs are increasing due to regional transmission & ISO-NE charges.

✗ Current RES implementation limits efficient, local distributed renewable energy to just 10% of Vermont’s needs, stifling self-sufficiency, local economic opportunity, & climate resilience.

✗ Vermont is experiencing more frequent and intense storms due to climate change which reduces electricity reliability and increase costs for everyone.

✗ Existing grid is grossly inefficient (just 43% efficient) & vulnerable.

✗ Vermont imports 60% of its electricity, consuming almost four times as much energy as it produces overall, sending hundreds of millions out of the state every year.

Vermont could generate at least 50% of the electricity it needs in state with renewable technology available today.
Climate Legislative Priorities

Maintaining & Increasing Local Renewable Electricity

**S. 267 (Sen. Pearson +) 100% Renewable Energy Standard w/ at least 20% Local Renewables by 2030**

Improve the bill with amendments:

- No Nuclear or Fossil Fuel Subsidies Allowed (H. Rep. Chesnut-Tangeman)
- Require New Resilient, Dispatchable Renewables (storage, demand response) by all Utilities
- Solar / Self RE Generation Customer Rights
- Streamlined Permitting for Parking Lot Canopies & Community Solar
- Consider Continuing Standard Offer - don’t let it expire
S. 267 - Local Renewables Benefits:

Local renewable electricity creates climate resilient communities & great self-reliance, increases energy choices, and improves access to innovative advanced energy technologies for all Vermonters.

Local renewable electricity creates jobs for Vermonters and keeps money in our state. A fully transformed clean energy economy offers tremendous opportunity for entrepreneurship, good-paying jobs and social justice. Billions of dollars are currently spent on imported energy & dirty fossil fuels that go to foreign and other out-of-state sources. By keeping more of that money local, and putting Vermonters to work installing projects, we will grow our economy.
S. 267 - Local Renewables Benefits:

Local renewable electricity reduces fossil fuel consumption. Unfortunately, only a small portion of the energy Vermonters use comes from local renewable energy. Replacing costly and inefficient fossil-fueled vehicles and heating with efficient electric and wood options is essential, and must be paired with renewable electric generation.

Vermont’s current law is inadequate, slowing local resilient renewable energy deployment and local economic opportunity.

Implementation of the current Renewable Energy Standard limits local (in-state) renewable generation to just 10% of the power Vermont needs.
Take Action Today

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H.676 (Rep. Sibilia) & Governor’s Budget: Catalyzing Renewable Energy Storage & Grid Optimization:
- new refundable research and development tax credit for local clean grid optimization businesses;
- property tax structure stability and certainty for storage and grid optimization projects;
- elimination of the corporate income tax for existing and new grid optimization companies.

S. 171 (Sen. Bray) - Modernizing Electric Efficiency Utilities - allows for up to $2 million a year pilot for 3 years for EEU to reduce greenhouse gases from thermal and/or transportation

H.688 Global Warming Solutions Act (Rep. Briglin)
Transportation & Electric Vehicles

Support Governor’s budget that provides $3 million for electric vehicle incentives and expanded charging infrastructure

Clarify that EV charging RFPs be technology agnostic

Dedicate federal VW Settlement funds to electrification & accelerate use of funds for heavy duty electric vehicles (buses, garbage trucks, fork lifts, etc.)

VT must join MA, NY, and other states in the regional Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) and dedicate those funds to electric transportation & renewable public transit

S.241 (Sen. Perchlik) - authorize EV manufacturer direct customer sales
Growing Vermont’s Economy & Meeting Commitments

Improve the integrity, transparency, and effectiveness of Vermont’s energy laws to:

✓ Create resilient communities
✓ Enable choices for Vermonters
  Fair market competition leads to lower prices for all & innovation
✓ Meet our climate economy commitments

Buy local, eat/drink local, energize local

Increasing participation & access to renewable energy solutions for ALL Vermonters, equitable opportunities for low & moderate income neighbors

Instilling sense of urgency, VT has fallen behind, failed to meet its commitments and needs greater leadership & action
Why is Net-Metering So Important?

Local renewables via Net-Metering is the only real opportunity Vermonter’s have to choose where we get our power.

Local renewables keep our electricity dollars in-state, creating jobs and a sustainable economy.

Local renewables allows Vermonters to do our part in mitigating the climate crisis.
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