



Speak Out for Tax Reform & Climate Action!

You don't need to be an economist or a climate policy expert to present an informed and reasonable argument. These tips will help you make a compelling case that we are ready for a conversation about aligning our tax code with Vermont's 21st century needs and priorities

Speak from the heart and from vivid personal experience, ex:

“Like many Vermonters I’m deeply worried about the Trump administration’s climate denialism, but we mustn’t despair—we can act at the state level by putting a price on carbon pollution...”

“Making Vermont more affordable is all about creating more good paying jobs, and in the last 10 years this has meant jobs in renewable energy. Putting a price on carbon pollution will help us continue to make sure every Vermonter is a part of the much needed energy revolution...”

It seems like just last year I was reading that 2016 was the hottest year on record. Now it’s 2017 and I must be having déjà vu—we cannot afford to delay any longer. We in Vermont must lead the way by putting a price on carbon pollution...”

Tie the message to a specific article or recent political debate. Need help finding something? Contact us and we’ll help!

Make it happen and follow up! If writing a letter to the editor (LTE) use the media lists to find an outlet near you. If publishing to Front Porch Forum, don’t be shy—the vast majority of Vermonters want climate action! Finally, let us know if you are published and send us a clipping in case we missed seeing it!

Themes for a well-rounded message

You can write a short & sweet letter to the editor (generally about 250 words but check with the publication), or a longer and more thorough commentary.

A MORE AFFORDABLE VERMONT

Putting a price on carbon pollution raises revenue by taxing something we all want less of – dangerous and dirty fossil fuels. These revenues can then be dedicated to helping Vermonters **save money** by lowering other taxes, investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy, or both. A well-crafted carbon pollution price strengthens the economy while protecting the environment.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL

Many Vermonters have already weatherized their homes and businesses, put up solar panels, and switched to cold-climate heat pumps. But for many, these technologies – which help households, individuals, and businesses save money and become less dependent on imported dirty energy – are just out of reach. Revenues from a carbon pollution tax could help thousands of low and middle income Vermonters reach energy independence.

PROVIDING A HEALTHY & CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

Unmitigated global warming will transform our state into one we wouldn’t recognize. If we want today’s youth and future generations to enjoy clean water, healthy ecosystems, snow, maple syrup, and a strong local economy, we must stand up to polluting industries.



Vermont Media Lists

We've compiled a list of the top media outlets – statewide and local – that accept letters to the editor and commentaries. When sending something in, submit as far and wide as possible. The more you get published the more powerful your voice can be! See an important publication we're missing? Let us know by emailing adam@vpirg.org.

Electronic Media

Name	Webpage/Contact Page
VPR	http://digital.vpr.net/submit-commentary
VTDigger	http://vtdigger.org/category/commentary/
Green Mountain Daily	http://www.greenmountaindaily.com/
Front Porch Forum	http://frontporchforum.com/

Statewide Media

Times Argus	http://www.timesargus.com/section/INFO0102
Rutland Herald	LTE Submission: http://www.rutlandherald.com/section/INFO0102 http://www.rutlandherald.com/section/INFO0302
Burlington Free Press	LTE Submission: http://static.burlingtonfreepress.com/contact/letters@freepressmedia.com
Seven Days	LTE Submission: http://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/Staff/Page http://posting.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/LetterstotheEditor/Page

Addison County

Addison Independent	LTE Submission: http://www.addisonindependent.com/?q=about http://www.addisonindependent.com/submissions
Addison Eagle	office@addison-eagle.com
Valley Voice	info@vvoice.org

Bennington County

Brattleboro Reformer	LTE Submission: http://www.reformer.com/ci_9897600 news@reformer.com
Bennington Banner	LTE Submission: http://www.benningtonbanner.com/contactus news@benningtonbanner.com
Manchester Journal	LTE Submission: http://www.manchesterjournal.com/contactus news@manchesterjournal.com

Chittenden County

Windridge Publishing	http://windridgepublishing.com/
Shelburne News	http://www.shelburnenews.com/

Charlotte Citizen	http://www.thecitizenvt.com
Burlington Free Press LTE Submission:	http://static.burlingtonfreepress.com/contact/letters@freepressmedia.com
The Other Paper	http://www.otherpapersbvt.com/opinion.html
ColchesterSun/EssexReporter LTE Submission:	http://colchester.essexreporter.com/contact/ http://www.essexreporter.com/contact/ http://colchester.essexreporter.com/submit/
Williston Observer LTE Submission:	http://www.willistonobserver.com/contact-williston-observer/editor@willistonobserver.com
Milton Independent LTE Submission:	http://www.miltonindependent.com/category/opinion/news@miltonindependent.com
North Avenue News	http://www.northavenuenews.com/About-Us-.html
The Hinesburg Record LTE Submission:	http://www.hinesburg-record.org/index.php/contact http://www.hinesburg-record.org/index.php/submission

Essex-Orleans-Caledonia

Caledonian Record LTE Submission:	http://www.caledonianrecord.com/site/contact.html https://www.caledonianrecord.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/
Barton Chronicle LTE Submission:	https://bartonchronicle.com https://bartonchronicle.com/contact-us/
Hardwick Gazette	http://www.hardwickgazette.com/
Newport Daily Express	http://newportvermontdailyexpress.com/content/contact
Newport Dispatch	http://newportdispatch.com/about/

Franklin County

Saint Albans Messenger LTE Submission:	http://www.samessenger.com/emerson@samessenger.com
The County Courier	countycourier@gmail.com

Grand Isle

The Islander/ Lake Champlain Islander	http://lakechamplainislander.com/contact-us.html
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Lamoille County

News & Citizen	http://www.newsandcitizen.com/contact/newsandcitizen-team
Stowe Reporter LTE Submission:	http://www.stowetoday.com/site/contact.html https://www.stowetoday.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/

Orange County

Herald of Randolph	http://www.ourherald.com/common/Misc/CONTACT_US.html
Valley News LTE Submission:	http://www.vnews.com/Reader-Services/Contact-Us http://www.vnews.com/Opinion/Submit-a-Letter
Journal Opinion, Bradford	http://www.jonews.com/contact.html

Rutland County

Brandon Reporter	http://www.brandonreporter.com/Brandon_Reportor/CONTACT
Mountain Times	http://mountaintimes.info/contact-us/
Rutland Herald LTE Submission:	http://www.rutlandherald.com/section/INFO0102 http://www.rutlandherald.com/section/INFO0302

Washington County

Montpelier Bridge	http://www.montpelierbridge.com/about/contact-us/
Waterbury Record	https://www.stowetoday.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/
Valley Reporter, Waitsfield	http://www.valleyreporter.com/contact-us-footer
Northfield News	http://www.thenorthfieldnews.com/common/Misc/Contact_US.html
The World LTE Submission:	http://www.vt-world.com/the-world-staff http://www.vt-world.com/letters-to-the-editor
Times Argus	http://www.timesargus.com/section/INFO0102

Windham County

The Commons LTE Submission:	http://www.commonnews.org/site/site05/page.php?id=2 news@commonnews.org
Bellows Falls Town Crier	bfnews@thetowncriers.com
Deerfield Valley News LTE Submission:	http://www.dvalnews.com/pages/contact_us letters@vermontmedia.com

Windsor County

Vermont Standard LTE Submission:	http://www.thevermontstandard.com/contact-us/ letters@thevermontstandard.com
Valley News	http://www.vnews.com/Reader-Services/Contact-Us
Springfield Reporter	http://springfieldvt.blogspot.com/p/springfield-reporter.html
Chester Telegraph	http://chestertelegraph.org/contact-us/
The Quechee Times	editor@quecheetimes.com

Message for the Week

LTE Submission:

http://www.themessage.news/common/Misc/Contact_Us.html
mftwmail@gmail.com