

Dear [Town] Selectboard,

I'm writing to request that you provide our community with a written statement regarding your position on Act 181 and its impact on our constituency.

Act 181 overhauled Vermont's Act 250 land use law, creating a tiered system of jurisdiction. Under the current road rule and Tier 3 framework, a significant number of parcels in towns like ours will be subject to full Act 250 review for any development that isn't *exclusively* agricultural or forestry in nature. Please note that the parcels most heavily affected by tier 3 tend to be the least well off.

Many rural Vermonters I've spoken with share a common concern: that while we cherish the conservation our communities have chosen to pursue, we are deeply uncomfortable with top-down regulation that limits families' ability to subdivide and develop their land. For many households here, land is the only meaningful form of wealth and the primary means of financial risk diversification. Act 181's Tier 3 permitting requirements will not protect our communities from wealthy developers or well-capitalized individuals who can shoulder the costs of Act 250 review — but they will burden ordinary families who cannot.

I would like to know your thoughts on this matter, and I'm sure other constituents would as well. Our community would also benefit from greater awareness of Act 181 and its implications — which you are uniquely positioned to help facilitate.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

[Your name], [your town]