

# Stakeholders/Resources from May 2019 Public Engagement Plan

## Stakeholders to Invite

The initial list was drafted with a goal of identifying stakeholders who represent Vermonters across various geographic regions, income levels, and age groups. The list includes the following categories:

- Business groups
- Tax professionals
- Education advocates
- Housing and land use advocates
- Local governments and commissions
- Low-income advocates
- Advocates for seniors

<p><u>Business groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Associated General Contractors of Vermont</li><li>• Associated Industries of Vermont</li><li>• Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce</li><li>• Vermont Association of Realtors</li><li>• Vermont Business Roundtable</li><li>• Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility</li><li>• Vermont Chamber of Commerce and regional chambers</li></ul> <p><u>Tax professionals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals</li><li>• Vermont Society of CPAs</li><li>• Vermont Tax Practitioners Association</li></ul> <p><u>Education advocates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vermont Independent Schools Association</li><li>• Vermont National Education Association</li><li>• Vermont Principals' Association</li><li>• Vermont School Boards Association</li><li>• Vermont Superintendents Association</li></ul>	<p><u>Local governments and commissions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies</li><li>• Vermont League of Cities and Towns</li></ul> <p><u>Low-income advocates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Action Agencies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (aka BROCC)</li><li>◦ Capstone Community Action</li><li>◦ Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity</li><li>◦ Northeast Kingdom Community Action</li><li>◦ Southeastern Vermont Community Action</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>Advocates for seniors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AARP</li><li>• Area Agencies on Aging<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Age Well VT (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)</li><li>◦ Central Vermont Council on Aging</li></ul></li></ul>
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<p><u>Housing and land use advocates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition</li> <li>• Vermont Housing and Conservation Board</li> <li>• Vermont Housing Finance Agency</li> <li>• Vermont Land Trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging</li> <li>○ Senior Solutions: Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont</li> <li>○ Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging</li> </ul>
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*The Tax Structure Commission recognizes that this list of stakeholders does not include advocacy groups for young adult Vermonters, domestic in-migrants, and international immigrants – three groups that are essential to the future of Vermont’s workforce and the sustainability of its tax base. The Commission is not aware of groups that advocate on tax issues related to these groups. Certainly, all interested Vermonters are welcome and encouraged to attend the regional events or provide feedback in the manner that is easiest for them to do so.*

## Resources to Invite

Some academics and think tanks in the state have addressed issues related to the Commission’s work and should be invited to public sessions, including:

- Center for Rural Studies at University of Vermont
- Environmental Tax Policy Institute at Vermont Law School
- Ethan Allen Institute
- Gund Institute at University of Vermont
- Public Assets Institute