

I am writing to introduce the Vermont Tax Structure Commission and to invite your participation in our work.

### **About the Commission**

The Commission was created by Act 11 of 2018 and charged with analyzing Vermont's revenue system, recommending improvements and modernization, and providing a long-term vision for the tax structure. Independent from both the legislative and executive branches of government, the Commission aims to make the tax system more understandable for the public, help policymakers compare the merits of various options, and offer recommendations that can help Vermont's revenue system work better for Vermonters. We have three Commissioners - Deb Brighton, Bram Kleppner, and Stephen Trenholm – who hold regular public meetings and will deliver a final report in January 2021. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Three Questions for Stakeholders**

The Commission is evaluating the State's revenue system (as opposed to spending decisions) and is interested in hearing feedback and ideas within this scope. In particular:

- 1) Do you think Vermont's current mix of tax types is adequate and appropriate for meeting the State's revenue needs? If so, what do you feel are its particular strengths? If not, what do you find to be particularly problematic?
  
- 2) Do you have suggestions for how the State's revenue system could adapt to meet Vermont's future needs given the anticipated impacts of demographic, social, and economic changes?
  
- 3) Do you have other feedback or suggestions related to the Commission's work to provide a long-term vision for the State's tax structure?

Please send feedback to [taxcommission@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:taxcommission@leg.state.vt.us)

In appreciation,

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