

Vermont Environmental Scorecard

2013-2014 Legislative Biennium





Vermont Conservation Voters

(VCV) is the non-partisan political action arm of Vermont’s environmental community. Since 1982, our mission has been to defend and strengthen the laws that safeguard our environment. We work to elect environmentally responsible candidates. We then hold legislators accountable for the decisions they make affecting our air, water, communities, land, and wildlife.

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Dear Vermonter,

We have prepared this Scorecard to let you know how your state legislators voted on environmental issues in 2013-2014. The legislative process can be complicated, and our objective is to distill the results so you, as a voter, can see which lawmakers are representing your interests – and which are not.

The legislature made some notable progress on environmental priorities this session. Positive steps included new protections for our shorelands, reducing children’s exposure to toxic chemicals, and helping more Vermonters to go solar. However, significant work remains to be done on key priorities – including the need to take bolder action on climate change and cleaning up Lake Champlain.

The votes included in this Scorecard represent a range of priorities of the environmental community, and were selected after consulting with partner organizations, including the Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club, and others. The particular votes included were based on whether the vote was substantive or procedural, and which vote had the greatest effect on the outcome of the legislation.

The scorecard does have limitations. For example, we can only score “roll call” votes where individual lawmakers vote yes or no on a given bill. Absences are counted as a negative vote, since that’s the effect they have on the outcome of the vote. Many decisions – both good and bad for the environment – are made in committee before a bill ever reaches the floor. To offer additional context, we have included some highlights in the “Beyond the Roll Call” section at the end of this report.

With this tool, we give you the score, but the rest is up to you. It’s crucial that your legislators hear from you with praise or disappointment in their environmental record. Please take a moment to contact your elected officials to share your views. You can find their contact information at vermontconservationvoters.org – and remember to vote on Election Day for candidates representing your values!

Thanks for all you do for a clean, healthy, and thriving Vermont,



Lauren Hierl
Political Director

House Bill Descriptions

H.702 – Expansion of Small-Scale Solar (2nd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This bill expanded the state’s “net metering” program, which makes solar more accessible and affordable for all Vermonters.

Status: Enacted; House vote 136-8.

H.520 - Clean Heat (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This legislation took small steps to encourage energy efficiency and weatherization by improving aspects of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which could bring additional dollars to Vermont to weatherize homes. It also made some progress toward expanding electric vehicle adoption in the state.

Status: Enacted; House vote 109-27.

H.526 - Shoreland Protections (2nd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This legislation set up a permit program for certain development activities along lakes and ponds. By guiding how and where development happens, the program aims to better protect shoreland habitat and water quality.

Status: Enacted; House vote 105-42.

H.112 - Labeling GMOs (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This bill is a first-in-the-nation requirement that foods containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) be labeled, starting in 2016. GMOs have significant environmental impacts, including increased herbicide and pesticide use, and this law will give Vermonters valuable information about what’s in their food.

Status: Enacted; House vote 99-42.

S.81 - Ban on Toxic Chlorinated Tris (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This bill restricted the use of a toxic and ineffective flame retardant chemical, chlorinated Tris — which is linked to cancer and other health problems — from children’s products and furniture.

Status: Enacted; House vote 141-0.

S.239 - Toxic-Free Families (2nd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This legislation created a new toxic chemical program at the Department of Health, under which manufacturers will have to report if they’re using certain toxic chemicals in children’s products they sell in Vermont, and sets up a process to potentially restrict the use of those harmful chemicals.

Status: Enacted; House vote 114-27.



Vermont House of Representatives Scorecard

- ✓ Pro-environment vote
- ✗ Anti-environment vote
- A Absent (counts as a negative)
- P Presiding
- N Not in Office

Representative	Town	Party	2013-2014 Score	Lifetime Score (2001 to present)	H.702 - Expansion of Solar	H.520 - Clean Heat	H.526 - Shoreland Protections	H.112 - Labeling GMOs	S.81 - Ban on Toxic Tris	S.239 - Toxic-Free Families
Ancel, Janet	Calais	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bartholomew, John	Hartland	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Batchelor, Lynn	Derby Line	R	50%	44%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Beyor, Stephen	Highgate Springs	R	33%	33%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Bissonnette, Clement	Winooski	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Botzow, William	Bennington	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouchard, Robert	Colchester	R	33%	29%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Branagan, Carolyn	Georgia	R	83%	40%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Brennan, Patrick	Colchester	R	33%	17%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Browning, Cynthia	Arlington	D	83%	72%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burditt, Thomas	West Rutland	R	33%	23%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	A
Burke, Mollie S.	Brattleboro	P/D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buxton, Sarah	Tunbridge	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campion, Brian	Bennington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canfield, William	Fair Haven	R/D	67%	48%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Carr, Stephen	Brandon	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Christie, Kevin "Coach"	White River Jct	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clarkson, Alison	Woodstock	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cole, Joanna	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Condon, James	Colchester	D	33%	49%	✓	✓	✗	A	A	✗
Connor, Daniel	Fairfield	D	67%	67%	A	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Conquest, Charles "Chip"	Wells River	D	83%	94%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Consejo, Michel	Sheldon	D	83%	78%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	Bradford	D	83%	86%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Corcoran, Timothy	Bennington	D	100%	78%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cross, George	Winooski	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cupoli, Lawrence	Rutland	R	50%	50%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Dakin, Leigh	Chester	D	83%	92%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis, Susan Hatch	West Topsham	P/D	100%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deen, David	Putney	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Devereux, Dennis	Belmont	R	83%	40%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Dickinson, Eileen "Lynn"	St. Albans Town	R	17%	20%	A	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Donaghy, Andrew	Poultney	R	33%	32%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗

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Donahue, Anne	Northfield	R	67%	59%	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓	
Donovan, Johannah	Burlington	D	83%	96%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	
Ellis, Rebecca	Waterbury Center	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	
Emmons, Alice	Springfield	D/W	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Evans, Debbie	Essex Junction	D	83%	85%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fagan, Peter	Rutland City	R	50%	48%	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	
Fay, Michelle	St. Johnsbury	D	83%	83%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	
Feltus, Martha	Lyndonville	R	83%	83%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	
Fisher, Michael	Lincoln	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Frank, William	Underhill	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
French, Patsy	Randolph	D	83%	95%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	
Gage, Douglas	Rutland	R	33%	33%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Gallivan, Anne	North Chittenden	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Goodwin, Charles	Weston	I	50%	50%	✓	✓	×	×	✓	×	
Grad, Maxine Jo	Moretown	D	83%	74%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greshin, Adam	Warren	I	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Haas, Sandy	Rochester	P/D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Head, Helen	South Burlington	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Heath, Martha	Westford	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hebert, Michael	Vernon	R	67%	59%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	
Helm, Robert	Fair Haven	R/D	33%	25%	✓	✓	×	×	A	×	
Higley, Mark	Lowell	R	50%	40%	✓	✓	×	×	✓	×	
Hooper, Mary	Montpelier	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hoyt, Kathleen	Norwich	D	50%	50%	✓	N	N	N	N	A	
Hubert, Ronald	Milton	R	17%	15%	×	×	×	×	✓	×	
Huntley, Mark	Cavendish	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jerman, Timothy	Essex Junction	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jewett, Willem	Ripton	D	100%	96%	✓	P	✓	P	✓	✓	
Johnson, Mitzi	South Hero	D	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Johnson, William	Canaan	R/D	33%	26%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Juskiewicz, Bernard	Cambridge	R	67%	67%	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓	
Keenan, Kathleen	St. Albans	D	100%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kilmartin, Duncan	Newport	R/D	50%	25%	✓	A	×	×	✓	✓	
Kitzmilller, Warren	Montpelier	D	67%	81%	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	
Klein, Tony	East Montpelier	D	67%	90%	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	

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Koch, Thomas	Barre	R/D	33%	30%	✓	×	×	×	✓	A	
Komline, Patti	Dorset	R	67%	49%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	
Krebs, Robert	South Hero	D	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Krowinski, Jill	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kupersmith, Michele	South Burlington	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lanpher, Diane	Vergennes	D	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Larocque, Leigh	St. Johnsbury	R	33%	28%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Lawrence, Richard	Lyndonville	R	33%	32%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Lenes, Joan	Shelburne	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lewis, Patti	Berlin	R	83%	61%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	
Lippert, William	Hinesburg	D	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Macaig, Terence	Williston	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Malcolm, John	Pawlet	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manwaring, Ann	Wilmington	D	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Marcotte, Michael	Newport	R/D	83%	37%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	
Marek, Richard	Newfane	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Martin, Cynthia	Springfield	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Martin, Linda	Wolcott	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Masland, James	Thetford Center	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
McCarthy, Michael	St. Albans	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
McCormack, Curtis	Burlington	D/W	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
McCullough, James	Williston	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
McFaun, Francis "Topper"	Barre Town	R/D	83%	60%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	
Michelsen, Kristina	Hardwick	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Miller, Alice	Shaftsbury	D	100%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mitchell, John	Fairfax	R	17%	17%	×	×	×	×	✓	A	
Mook, Anne	Bennington	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Moran, John	Wardsboro	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Morrissey, Mary	Bennington	R	33%	27%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Mrowicki, Michael	Putney	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Myers, Linda	Essex Junction	R	83%	43%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	
Nuovo, Betty	Middlebury	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
O'Brien, Anne	Richmond	D	100%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
O'Sullivan, Jean	Burlington	D	83%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	
Partridge, Carolyn	Windham	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Pearce, Albert "Chuck"	Richford	R/D	33%	43%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Pearson, Christopher	Burlington	P	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peltz, Peter	Woodbury	D	83%	84%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Poirier, Paul	Barre City	I	83%	81%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Potter, David	North Clarendon	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pugh, Ann	South Burlington	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Quimby, Constance	Concord	R/D	50%	50%	×	✓	✓	×	✓	×	
Rachelson, Barbara	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ralston, Paul	Middlebury	D	83%	92%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ram, Kesha	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Russell, Herbert	Rutland City	D	83%	92%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	
Ryerson, Marjorie	Randolph	D	100%	100%	✓	N	N	N	N	✓	
Savage, Brian	Swanton	R	17%	24%	×	×	×	×	✓	×	
Scheuermann, Heidi	Stowe	R	67%	43%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	
Sharpe, David	Bristol	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Shaw, Charles "Butch"	Florence	R/D	67%	53%	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓	
Shaw, Loren	Derby	R/D	17%	17%	×	×	×	×	✓	A	
Smith, Harvey	New Haven	R	33%	24%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Smith, Shap	Morrisville	D	NA	79%	P	P	P	P	P	P	
South, Robert	St. Johnsbury Ctr.	D	100%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spengler, Kristy	Colchester	D	67%	85%	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	
Stevens, Thomas	Waterbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stevens, William	Shoreham	I	83%	85%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	
Strong, Vicki	Irasburg	R	33%	29%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Stuart, Valerie	Brattleboro	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sweaney, Donna	Windsor	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylor, Tess	Barre City	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	
Terenzini, Thomas	Rutland	R/D	33%	33%	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	
Till, George	Jericho	D	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Toleno, Tristan	Brattleboro	D	83%	83%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Toll, Kitty Beattie	Danville	D	83%	90%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Townsend, Maida	South Burlington	D	83%	83%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	
Trieber, Matthew	Bellows Falls	D	83%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	
Turner, Donald	Milton	R	17%	17%	×	×	×	×	A	✓	
Van Wyck, Warren	Ferrisburgh	R	0%	0%	×	×	×	×	A	×	

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Vowinkel, Sheila	White River Jct	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waite-Simpson, Linda	Essex Junction	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walz, Tommy	Barre	D	100%	100%	N	N	N	N	N	✓
Webb, Kathryn	Shelburne	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weed, Cynthia	Enosburg Falls	P/D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wilson, Jeffrey	Manchester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winters, Philip	Williamstown	R	17%	22%	✓	✗	✗	✗	A	✗
Wizowaty, Suzi	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodward, Mark	Johnson	D	67%	71%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A
Wright, Kurt	Burlington	R	67%	47%	✓	A	✓	✗	✓	✓
Yantachka, Michael	Charlotte	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Young, Samuel	Glover	D	67%	71%	✓	✓	✗	A	✓	✓
Zagar, Teo	Barnard	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Senate Bill Descriptions

H.702 –Amendment to Decrease Affordability of Solar

Pro-environment vote: NO

This amendment would have weakened the net metering program by reducing the price people are paid for solar electricity they generate, ultimately making small-scale solar projects less affordable for Vermonters.

Status: Amendment failed, Senate vote 4-25.

S.191 - Solar Setbacks (2nd reading)

Pro-environment vote: NO

This bill would have given municipalities more control over where and how solar panels could be installed, giving local communities the ability to impede solar power development, without being required to consider a broader perspective of the statewide public good from these renewable energy projects.

Status: Bill failed, Senate vote 8-21.

S.30 –Amendment to Remove Moratorium on Renewable Development

Pro-environment vote: YES

This amendment removed a provision in the energy siting bill that would have placed a 3-year moratorium on developing certain wind and other renewable energy projects in the state. Without this amendment, this legislation would have set Vermont back from its commitment to move aggressively toward clean, local energy sources.

Status: Amendment passed, Senate vote 16-14.

H.526 – Shoreland Protections (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This legislation sets up a permit program for certain development activities along lakes and ponds. By guiding how and where development happens, the program aims to better protect shoreland habitat and water quality.

Status: Enacted; Passed Senate, 22-6 vote.

H.112 - Labeling GMOs (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This bill is a first-in-the-nation requirement that foods containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) be labeled, starting in 2016. GMOs have significant environmental impacts, including increased herbicide and pesticide use, and this law will give Vermonters valuable information about what's in their food.

Status: Enacted; Passed Senate, 28-2 vote.

S.81 - Ban on Toxic Tris (3rd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This bill restricted the use of a toxic and ineffective flame retardant chemical, chlorinated Tris — which is linked to cancer and other health problems — from children's products and furniture.

Status: Enacted; Passed Senate, 28-0 vote.

S.239 - Toxic-Free Families (2nd reading)

Pro-environment vote: YES

This legislation created a new toxic chemical program at the Department of Health, under which manufacturers will have to report if they're using certain toxic chemicals in children's products they sell in Vermont, and sets up a process to potentially restrict the use of those harmful chemicals. The Senate passed a stronger version of the bill, covering all consumer products, though the final enacted version was weakened in the House to only cover children's products.

Status: Enacted; Passed Senate, 18-12 vote.

H.823 – Pro-Sprawl Amendment to Smart Growth Bill

Pro-environment vote: NO

The underlying bill, as passed the House, contained a balanced package that encouraged development in downtown areas while discouraging sprawling strip development. This amendment would have removed the important anti-sprawl provisions of the bill.

Status: Amendment failed, Senate vote 7-22.

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Senator	District	Party	2013-2014 Score	Lifetime Score (2001 to present)	H.702 - Amendment to Reduce Solar Affordability	S.191 - Solar Setbacks	S.30 - Amendment to Renewable Moratorium	H.526 - Shoreland Protections	H.112 - Labeling GMOs	S.81 - Ban on Toxic Tris	S.239 - Toxic-Free Families	H.823 - Pro-Sprawl Amendment
Ashe, Timothy	Chittenden	D/P	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ayer, Claire	Addison	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baruth, Philip	Chittenden	D	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benning, Joseph	Caledonia	R	38%	69%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
Bray, Christopher	Addison	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campbell, John	Windsor	D	86%	92%	✓	P	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collins, Donald	Franklin	D	88%	88%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cummings, Ann	Washington	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doyle, William	Washington	R	100%	76%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flory, Margaret "Peg"	Rutland	R	25%	28%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
French, Eldred	Rutland	D	88%	96%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Galbraith, Peter	Windham	D	75%	78%	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hartwell, Robert	Bennington	D	50%	84%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Kitchel, M. Jane	Caledonia	D	63%	71%	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Lyons, Virginia	Chittenden	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MacDonald, Mark	Orange	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mazza, Richard	Grand Isle	D	88%	76%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
McAllister, Norman	Franklin	R	25%	22%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	A	✗	✗
McCormack, Richard	Windsor	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mullin, Kevin	Rutland	R	38%	48%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Nitka, Alice	Windsor	D	63%	74%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Pollina, Anthony	Washington	P/D/W	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rodgers, John	Essex-Orleans	D	38%	45%	A	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Sears, Richard	Bennington	D	75%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	A
Sirotkin, Michael	Chittenden	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	N	N	✓	N	✓	✓
Snelling, Diane	Chittenden	R	63%	87%	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Starr, Robert	Essex-Orleans	D	38%	41%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Westman, Richard	Lamoille	R	50%	46%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	✗	✗
White, Jeanette	Windham	D	88%	93%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zuckerman, David	Chittenden	P	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Beyond the Roll Call – Leaders and Laggards

Climate Change & Energy

Reps. Tony Klein and Rebecca Ellis, Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee, led the charge on clean energy (H.520 & H.702) in the House. In the Senate, Sens. Tim Ashe, David Zuckerman, and Ginny Lyons helped push that legislation swiftly to passage. On the climate change front, it was disappointing that much of the biennium was spent fighting anti-renewable initiatives in the Senate, led by Committee on Natural Resources and Energy members Sens. Bob Hartwell, Peter Galbraith, Diane Snelling, and John Rodgers.

Smart Growth and Working Lands

Reps. Tony Klein, Rebecca Ellis, and Bill Botzow led House passage of legislation to encourage development in our downtowns while discouraging strip development (H.823). Reps. Mitzi Johnson and Carolyn Partridge led efforts in the House to secure funding for the Working Lands Enterprise Program, and Speaker Shap Smith made an early commitment to increase downtown development tax credits. Sen. Tim Ashe ushered that increase through the Senate. Sens. Bob Hartwell, Diane Snelling, Peter Galbraith, Mark MacDonald, and Chris Bray then led efforts on strong smart growth legislation (H.823), beating back a last-ditch attempt to weaken the bill led by Sen. Peg Flory.

Toxics

Legislation aiming to reduce exposure to toxic chemicals in consumer products (S. 81 & S.239) was led by Sens. Ginny Lyons and Kevin Mullin, with valuable work in committee from Sens. Claire Ayer, Tim Ashe, Chris Bray, and Phil Baruth. In the House, Reps. David Deen, Willem Jewett, Kate Webb, Jill Krowinski, Ann Pugh, and Dave Sharpe all provided crucial leadership on this issue.

Water Quality

In the House, Reps. David Deen, Kate Webb, Jim McCullough, and others worked hard on legislation to protect shoreland habitat (H.526). In the Senate, the effort was led by Sens. Bob Hartwell, Diane Snelling, and Mark MacDonald.

GMO Labeling

A groundbreaking GMO bill passed with strong leadership from Rep. Kate Webb, and the House Agriculture committee, including Chair Carolyn Partridge, Reps. Teo Zagar, John Bartholomew, Kristina Michelsen, and Tristan Toleno. In the Senate, efforts were led by Sen. David Zuckerman, with important work in committee provided by Sens. Tim Ashe, Jeanette White, Eldred French, Dick Sears, and Robert Starr.

Vermont Conservation Voters thanks these environmental leaders*

House:

Ancel, Janet
Bartholomew, John
Bissonnette, Clement
Botzow, William
Burke, Mollie S.
Buxton, Sarah
Campion, Brian
Carr, Stephen
Christie, Coach
Clarkson, Alison
Cole, Joanna
Conquest, Chip
Corcoran, Timothy
Cross, George
Dakin, Leigh
Davis, Susan Hatch
Deen, David
Donovan, Johannah
Ellis, Rebecca
Emmons, Alice
Fisher, Michael

Frank, William
French, Patsy
Gallivan, Anne
Greshin, Adam
Haas, Sandy
Head, Helen
Heath, Martha
Hooper, Mary
Huntley, Mark
Jerman, Timothy
Jewett, Willem
Johnson, Mitzi
Keenan, Kathleen
Klein, Tony
Krebs, Robert
Krowinski, Jill
Kupersmith, Michele
Lanpher, Diane
Lenes, Joan
Lippert, William
Macaig, Terence
Malcolm, John

Manwaring, Ann
Marek, Richard
Martin, Cynthia
Martin, Linda
Masland, James
McCarthy, Michael
McCormack, Curtis
McCullough, James
Michelsen, Kristina
Miller, Alice
Mook, Anne
Moran, John
Mrowicki, Michael
Nuovo, Betty
O'Brien, Anne
Partridge, Carolyn
Pearson, Christopher
Potter, David
Pugh, Ann
Rachelson, Barbara
Ralston, Paul
Ram, Kesha

Russell, Herbert
Ryerson, Marjorie
Sharpe, David
South, Robert
Stevens, Thomas
Stuart, Valerie
Sweeney, Donna
Taylor, Tess
Till, George
Toll, Kitty Beattie
Vowinkel, Sheila
Waite-Simpson, Linda
Walz, Tommy
Webb, Kathryn
Weed, Cynthia
Wilson, Jeffrey
Wizowaty, Suzi
Yantachka, Michael
Zagar, Teo

Senate:

Ashe, Timothy
Ayer, Claire
Baruth, Philip
Bray, Christopher
Campbell, John
Cummings, Ann
Doyle, William
French, Eldred
Lyons, Virginia
MacDonald, Mark
McCormack, Richard
Pollina, Anthony
Sirotkin, Michael
White, Jeanette
Zuckerman, David

*Perfect environmental voting score this biennium and/or greater than 90% lifetime voting record

Now that you know the score, *take action!*

1. Tell your legislators you know the score.

One of the best ways to influence our elected officials is by regular communication with them. If your legislator scored well, thank them. If they scored poorly, let them know you are disappointed and value Vermont's environment. You can find your legislators' contact information on our website: vermontconservationvoters.org.

2. Get out and vote on Election Day, November 4th.

Make sure you head to the polls to vote for the candidates who are representing your values at the State House.

3. Contribute to Vermont Conservation Voters.

Vermont Conservation Voters is working hard to ensure the best environmental candidates are elected to Vermont's legislature, and to bring your environmental values to the tough fights in the State House. Please join other Vermonters by becoming a contributor to Vermont Conservation Voters today.

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