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Dear LURB Members:

As a formerly non-political person, I attended my first rally in March, to protest Act 181, about a week after became aware of the details. As you are aware, the grassroots group, Rural Vermont Rising, of which I am a part, was able to be heard during the legislative session and some meaningful changes happened with the most onerous parts.

The overreach is coming from all directions: I now see TRORC doing it.

I attended the TRORC informational meeting in Randolph to hear about the plan for myself. Concerned citizens asked important questions, most of which were not answered. They were avoided, ignored, and danced around. It was shocking and unacceptable. Situations like what happened at that meeting have created a severe lack of trust which really needs to be remedied. I am concerned about our farmers, in particular, but also basic freedoms and rights for all of us. It's honestly quite despicable to see so much control exerted over private property, for which Vermonters pay dearly in taxes.

I consider myself to be a lover of the environment. Always have been. However, the excessive mandatory provisions of an unelected group go way too far! People forget that Vermont's rural beauty is largely thanks to the stewardship of private landowners.

Please, rein the TRORC in and review their mission. Is their original purpose even still valid? How much have they veered from their original assignments, I wonder. I suspect that some people have been at this for so long, they are taking advantage of being in a position of power and really pushing things too far. It's WRONG.

Thank you,
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