

Ten Reasons to Support the Working Lands Enterprise Investment Bill

The Working Lands Enterprise Investment bill (H.496/S.246)...

1. ...acknowledges the land & the people who work on it as a part of our identity as a community of people.
2. ...recognizes the people who work on the land as entrepreneurs & business owners.
3. ...recognizes the strength of an economy based on jobs that can't be outsourced.
4. ...recognizes that there are certain types of businesses that function as foundations for other businesses to build on.
5. ...celebrates the potential for VT products in local, regional, national, international markets.
6. ...acknowledges that the leadership needed to build a strong economy with good jobs for local people is in the private sector.
7. ...recognizes that the appropriate role for the government is to provide real opportunities for these private sector leaders to build innovative businesses.
8. ...acknowledges that businesses that are tied to the land or that create value-added products have specific challenges in the current financing system.
9. ...envisions a future where Vermont's character can remain essentially the same, while the business enterprises that are thriving here are innovative and forward thinking.
10. ...builds on Vermont's greatest strengths, recognized by Calvin Coolidge after the flood of 1927: "her hills and valleys, her invigorating climate but most of all her indomitable people."