



September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Letter of Reference in Support of Smart Driving – Every Mile Counts

Dear Regional Planning Commission Staff,

On behalf of Vermont Clean Communities (VTCC), a U.S. Department of Energy designated coalition, dedicated to clean and efficient transportation solutions, I am writing to support and re-introduce you to Green Driving America executive director, Wayne Michaud. Wayne is Vermont's former 'idle-free guy' and continues making a positive impact on transportation efficiency here with the implementation of a funded idle-free schools' study and campaign project at two Vermont schools for this fall. In 2026, Wayne wants to bring a new project to Vermont: [Smart Driving-Every Mile Counts](#). He plans to work with 10 to 15 Vermont town energy committees to demonstrate the benefits of smart driving practices – such as accelerating and braking smoothly, watching speed, and avoiding unnecessary idling, especially in internal combustion engine vehicles. These practices will reduce CO2 emissions, improve air quality, and save drivers hundreds of dollars a year.

Vermont Clean Communities is excited to endorse this project!

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [Peggy.ONeill-Vivanco@uvm.edu](mailto:Peggy.ONeill-Vivanco@uvm.edu).

Sincerely,

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