

## QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR COMMITMENT TO VOTERS

Please respond with a yes or no answer.

### Permitting

1. Regarding Act 250, would you actively support language that would make the process more predictable, faster by limiting party status to abutting property owners?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the Act 250 process, an applicant must acquire permits from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The current statute allows that someone who opposes the project may reopen the agency permits in Act 250 to decide if the agency made an appropriate decision, therefore, an applicant cannot rely on a legal permit. All permits that are received should be valid proof that the applicant is in compliance with the law and should not be revisited in the Act 250 hearings.

2. Would you support a bill that revises the rules in Act 250 to make all state and local permits and approvals valid to satisfy Act 250 criteria?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Vermont's income sensitivity rebate expenditure (\$15,400,000) is currently greater than all five other New England states' combined.

3. Would you support a bill that reduces the cost of education by approximately \$100,000,000 by increasing the student/teacher ratio for the current 11 to 1 to a ratio of 13 to 1, (national average is 15.5 to 1)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. ACT 68 (amended by H.880) - Would you support a bill that limits rebates to household incomes of \$60,000 or less?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would your support a bill that limits rebates to homestead values of \$350,000 (Legislature reduced it from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 in 2010)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you support a bill that reduces the maximum subsidy allowed under ACT 68 and amended by H.880 (currently \$8,000) to a level no higher than \$6,000 in the first year and going down in one year levels to \$2,000? (The highest other New England state is Maine at \$2,000)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**General**

7. Do you support a 20 year extension of Vermont Yankee's operating permit? (providing it meets NRC safety standards)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you feel that the average pay and benefits of State employees should continue to be substantially above that of the average Vermonter?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

9. Would you vote against any tax increases in the next two years?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you support a single payer health care system?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The average cost per KWH in Vermont is \$0.07. H.446 became law in May 2009 subsidizing small power producers to a maximum of \$0.30/KWH. It requires Vermont utilities to buy power from small "green" power producers at a much higher cost than the power would cost in a competitive market and the cost to be paid by ratepayers. The cap for the amount of energy produced is currently 50 MW.

11. Would you vote against any increase in the amount of subsidized power over 50 MW that must be paid for by ratepayers?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_