

Hello, my name is Jazz Gonzalez, and I am a Mechanical Engineering student currently studying at Greenway Institute.

After speaking with legislative representatives and discussing policy restraints with businesses including Greenbacker Power, to make this standard effective it needs to have an incentive that drives companies and communities to make a move towards net zero and depollution.

This renewable energy standard needs to be a push for change because Vermont needs to be a place where home will always be home, without the worry of losing the environment that contributes to the communities health and wellbeing. We do this by pushing for an incentive to install solar energy, wind energy, and many other different forms of renewable energy. As it stands right now wind energy is put to an ultimate standstill, so the questions that need to be asked are why progress is being halted and not made? Why are there so many restrictions on the installation of renewables, which slow progress towards the net zero goal?

The RES is an opportunity for communities to come together to preserve the environment that surrounds them. It is an opportunity to create more business with the addition of renewables, and it is an opportunity to create a broader Vermont community attracting investment.

From where it stands right now progress is at a slow. There needs to be less restraints on additional progress within the construction of installing new renewables. Without the addition of them Vermont cannot hit its goal of net zero. This is a unique opportunity that Vermont has been given and we need to start building and making change happen, now.