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A Statement from VLT President Gil Livingston about Proposed Easement Amendment Legislation

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March 14, 2014 -- We have learned much from Vermont Land Trust members and owners of conserved land over the past few weeks. We have been reminded again how much our members care about the land we have protected and believe in the permanence of our easements.

While our members understand that we at VLT have deeply committed ourselves to the permanent protection of special places, those who care most about our work will test out thinking, and offer important ideas and perspectives. Those perspectives have impacted our thinking about the pending easement amendment legislation.

Along with the 11 other members of the working group that gave birth to the legislation in 2012, our goal was to strengthen the law applied to amendments and to make sure the public conservation interests embedded in each easement governed any changes. We now agree that the current bill is too broad, so we are working on changes that would greatly reduce its scope. We hope to share our suggestions in the next few weeks.

You have my commitment that VLT will not continue to support S. 119 in its current form.

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