

A Message from Johanna Miller,
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The Solutions Act is law. Such great news!

First, a sincere THANK YOU to each of you, the organizations, people and constituencies you represent and all of those you helped rally to help cement this outcome. This was a collective victory — and true Coalition effort — and I'm grateful for and feel very privileged to work with such good people. I hope everyone can take some time to breathe, celebrate and recognize the importance of this moment.

That said, and I hope you do take some time! we also know there is no time to waste. To that end, I wanted to follow up on a few things to set in motion next steps.

First, if you haven't already, please, personally, or if you can, organizationally, send thank you's to the legislators who brought this victory home and overrode Gov. Scott's shortsighted veto. Here's how [House members voted](#) (103-47). Here's how [Senate members voted](#) (22-8). And, if you are able, a special thanks to [Speaker Mitzi Johnson](#) and [Senate President Pro Tem Tim Ashe](#) along with any House/Senate members who voted to, finally, make climate progress, would be great.

Second, it's time to reconvene the Coalition; unpack the news of what the GWSA means for our work and begin to explore ways we might collaborate again on shared priorities, help stand up and ensure the success of the Solutions Act and more. [Please DOODLE HERE](#) so that we can find a time/date that works for as many partners as possible. Also, please do send me any thoughts on additional potential other partners we might engage in this conversation and collective work. Once we get a date confirmed, we will outline and share a proposed agenda. Input welcome.

Third, the [Energy Action Network Summit is coming up on October 1st](#) and several of our Coalition partners have been leading on (RAD, VTCHA among them) or participating in some of the "pitches" that will be put forward as ideas to transform our energy system — swiftly, strategically and equitably. If you are able, I encourage you/others on your team to attend. This will be a great way to get an overview of some big policy ideas and potential approaches Vermont might embrace for needed climate action/Solutions Act implementation. Some of these big ideas (which you can [see here](#), on their registration page) might be priorities we'd want to explore as part of a potential collective climate action platform for 2021. Which is part of the reason we are looking into the first couple of weeks in October for a Coalition meeting...

Thanks again for all you do! Please do share further thoughts, ideas etc on any of the above — or beyond — as we continue or collaborative efforts to make long overdue climate progress in Vermont.

My best to all, more soon and [thanks in advance for Doodle'ing](#) soon to get a meeting on people's busy calendars,

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PS: In case you are interested/able, I wanted to put this Sept. 29 webinar on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) on your radar; it's from 4-6 p.m. and it's a regional conversation focused

on [ensuring environmental justice and equity in a regional low-carbon transportation program](#). Considering a well-crafted, strong, equitable TCI being was one of our 2020 climate priorities — and with a decision point by states likely after the election — it remains a timely issue and a potential powerful program — if executed right. Sept. 29 offers a good chance to learn more. [Register for the webinar here](#).

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