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September 25, 2012

Gunner McCain, Chairman  
Joint CVRPC/CVEDC Committee on Consolidation  
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission  
29 Main Street, Suite 4  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. McCain and members of the Committee:

Last December the Warren Planning Commission sent a letter to Ms. Sinclair, Executive Director of the CVRPC regarding the proposed merger of the CVRPC and the CVEDC which was copied to us. At that time the PC felt that details of such a merger were lacking and urged the CVRPC to "take a step back" before attempting to move forward with a vote on the merger proposal.

It has been shared with us by the Warren Planning Commission that despite the amount of effort made by the Joint Committee that the resulting product will not yield results that will benefit the Town of Warren. If anything, the new commission will be larger with more layers and less efficiencies. [as per your proposed organizational chart of September 2012] The original premise for this merger was born under the Challenges for Change during the Douglas Administration which was primarily cost savings driven. The Joint Committee has admitted that this proposed merger has little cost savings in its creation. [Notes of September 5, 2012 "...there may be some savings, but it's not considered to be very much."]

Though a formal vote by the member towns on the proposal has yet to occur, the Town of Warren Select Board would like to go on the record that they are not in favor of the proposal to merge the functions of planning and economic development. The Select Board further feels that the Joint Committee has spent valuable time and resources that could have otherwise been more productive in supporting the planning efforts of the member towns.

Sincerely,

The Warren Select Board



Andrew Cunningham, Chairman

Anson Montgomery  
Kirstin Reilly  
Bob Ackland  
Matt Groom

Cc: Susan Sinclair, Executive Director, CVRPC  
Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, MRVPD