

Hello,

I am writing to you with the request to pass legislation that would protect outdoor workers in extreme weather. As a state that strives to protect workers in every facet, I believe one area often overlooked is the ski industry. As you know, the ski industry is vital to our state's economy, but I believe many of those employed at ski resorts tending to visitors and equipment outdoors do not see many protections. People close to me who work in the ski industry have shared numerous stories of staff being treated poorly and left outdoors in extreme cold temperatures with little to no breaks to help warm themselves up. Due to this, many experience detrimental risks to their health that can easily be alleviated by mandatory and sufficient "warm up" breaks. These breaks not only protect our dedicated workers, but it also boosts morale and honors what Vermont stands for.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jeffrey Jennings