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# Home

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Your contribution to Vermont's Realtor® Political Action Committee (RPAC) helps to make the dream of home ownership possible. Vermont RPAC funds help support legislators who value private property rights and who work to create legislation to support a strong foundation for home ownership in Vermont.

This is the house that RPAC built

RPAC does not buy votes. RPAC supports positions, not parties. RPAC is bipartisan, supporting elected officials and candidates who value protecting real estate transactions, home ownership and property rights.



Vermont Realtors®

- ✓ Building Communities
- ✓ Strengthening Neighborhoods
- ✓ Ensuring Economic Stability

If real estate is your profession – Politics is your business



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## Tax Policy

2011: Defeated legislation that would have removed the mortgage interest and property tax deductions

2011: Defeated legislation that would have taxed services, including Realtor® commissions, and would have significantly increased closing costs

2012: Proposed legislation for a home improvement sales tax holiday

2013: Defeated legislation that would have imposed a \$10,000 cap on the mortgage interest deduction

2013: Initiated a campaign to study education spending in Vermont and to explore potential remedies that would ensure quality education while reducing the property tax burden on Vermonters

2014: Commissioned a comprehensive study on Vermont’s education spending system and its impact on property taxes and homeownership in the state



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## Regulatory/Environment

2012: Defeated a mandate that a seller conduct an online energy assessment of their home, and that the results be submitted to the VT. Dept. of Public Service and disclosed to a potential buyer

2012: Represented members and property owners on the Post-Irene Property Law Task Force

2012: Supported legislation to create a more predictable and timely permitting process

2013: Defeated legislation that would have regulated all development on shoreland properties in Vermont

2013: Defeated legislation requiring a seller to convey Residential Building Energy Standards certification at time of sale

2013: Defeated legislation that would change Act 250 criterion 9(f) to require all commercial development applications to include renewable electric generation

2014: Supported legislation to require education and licensure of home and property inspectors.

2014: Supported legislation to increase the number of continuing education credits for real estate brokers, and to require initial training for newly licensed real estate agents.

2014: Held off legislation that would regulate dams and impounded water. This effort prevents a “time of sale clause” and allows for reevaluation of fees and permitting.

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## Economic Development

2012: Proposed legislation that would allow owner financing based on the Secure and Fair Enforcement Act. This legislation passed into law

2013: Proposed Employer Assisted Housing legislation that would support incentives for Vermont employers who provide home ownership incentives to employees. This legislation gained momentum and will be reviewed in the 2014 legislative session

2013: Proposed legislation that would require the licensing of home inspectors in Vermont. This legislation will be reviewed in the 2014 legislative session

2013: Supported efforts to relax requirements on commercial and residential Realtors® in regard to the size, frequency and placement of temporary real estate signs

2013: Supported legislation that provides incentives for neighborhood and downtown development within growth centers

2014: Supported legislation that provides development incentives within state designed growth centers to help address the state’s housing shortage and promote walkable communities.

## Why Invest?

Now, more than ever, it is critical that Realtors® speak with one voice about the stability that the real estate market brings to our communities.

Our elected officials make decisions that have an impact on the bottom line of Realtors® and their customers. Working together, we can ensure that the dream of home ownership is preserved, and that the real estate industry continues to support a strong and vibrant economy.



✓ Protecting the dream of home ownership

✓ Safe guarding the future of our members