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## VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT NOVEMBER 4, 2008

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval  to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval  the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Vote for not more than ONE	FOR GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE
CHUCK BALDWIN, Florida and DARRELL L. CASTLE, Tennessee Constitution <input type="radio"/>	PETER DIAMONDSTONE Brattleboro Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> JIM DOUGLAS Middlebury Republican <input type="radio"/> CRIS ERICSON Chester Independent <input type="radio"/> TONY O'CONNOR Derby Cheap Renewable Energy <input type="radio"/> ANTHONY POLLINA Middlesex Independent <input type="radio"/> GAYE SYMINGTON Jericho Democratic <input type="radio"/> SAM YOUNG Glover Independent <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	MARTHA ABBOTT Underhill Progressive <input type="radio"/> JERRY LEVY Brattleboro Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> THOMAS M. SALMON St. Johnsbury Democratic/Republican <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
BOB BARR, Georgia and WAYNE A. ROOT, Nevada Libertarian <input type="radio"/>		FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for not more than ONE
ROGER CALERO, New York and ALYSON KENNEDY, New Jersey Socialist Workers <input type="radio"/>		CHARLOTTE DENNETT Cambridge Progressive <input type="radio"/> ROSEMARIE JACKOWSKI Bennington Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> KAREN KERIN Royalton Republican/Libertarian <input type="radio"/> WILLIAM H. SORRELL Burlington Democratic <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
GLORIA LARIVA, California and EUGENE PURYEAR, District of Columbia Socialism and Liberation <input type="radio"/>	FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	
JOHN MCCAIN, Arizona and SARAH PALIN, Alaska Republican <input type="radio"/>	THOMAS W. COSTELLO Brattleboro Democratic <input type="radio"/> BRIAN E. DUBIE Essex Republican <input type="radio"/> RICHARD KEMP Burlington Progressive <input type="radio"/> BEN MITCHELL Westminster Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
BRIAN MOORE, Florida and STEWART ALEXANDER, California Liberty Union <input type="radio"/>		
RALPH NADER, Connecticut and MATT GONZALEZ, California Independent <input type="radio"/>	FOR STATE TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE	
BARACK OBAMA, Illinois and JOE BIDEN, Delaware Democratic <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	MURRAY NGOIMA Pomfret Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> DON SCHRAMM Burlington Progressive <input type="radio"/> JEB SPAULDING Montpelier Democratic/Republican <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS Vote for not more than ONE		
MIKE BETHEL Bennington Independent <input type="radio"/> CRIS ERICSON Chester Independent <input type="radio"/> THOMAS JAMES HERMANN Barre City Progressive <input type="radio"/> JANE NEWTON Londonderry Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> JERRY TRUDELL Charleston Energy Independence <input type="radio"/> PETER WELCH Hartland Democratic/Republican <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than ONE	
	EUGENE J. BIFANO Warren Republican <input type="radio"/> DEB MARKOWITZ Montpelier Democratic <input type="radio"/> LESLIE MARMORALE Vershire Liberty Union <input type="radio"/> MARJORIE POWER Montpelier Progressive <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

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This publication has been produced and distributed by the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State as directed by the Legislature in 17 V.S.A. § 2810. A key element of democracy is the informed participation of potential voters. This publication will provide you with a non-partisan presentation of candidates for federal and statewide offices who submitted information to our office. (Some candidates did not submit information.)

All candidate information was prepared and submitted to us by the candidates. To ensure fairness, our office developed specifications for the presentation. Each candidate was invited by a letter to submit a photograph, a biographical sketch not to exceed 100 words, and position statements on up to five issues of the candidate's choice not to exceed a total of 550 words. The content has not been edited or changed by our office. However, we have formatted each presentation to provide uniformity of type and page layout.

We received submissions from 38 candidates; one candidate did not respond to the invitation to submit information. For that candidate, we have included an address and phone number.

The statute requires that we state which candidates have accepted public financing. Under Vermont law, only candidates for governor and lieutenant governor can seek public campaign finance grants. No candidates requested public financing for the 2008 election.

## Distribution of this Publication

Copies of this publication are available in all town offices and at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies of this publication have also been inserted in some daily newspapers throughout the State of Vermont between Oct. 23 and Nov. 1.

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## FOR PRESIDENT



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Graduated from Liberty Bible Institute at Liberty University. Holds Bachelor and Master Degrees in Theology, Chuck has received two honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Baldwin served as Chairman of Florida's Moral Majority and was the Constitution Party's vice presidential candidate in 2004.

Chuck is the founder and pastor at the Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL. Chuck Baldwin is also a radio talk show host and an author.

Chuck Baldwin's articles and political commentaries are carried by a host of internet sites, newspapers, and news magazines. Chuck has been married to Connie for 35 years, they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

### Position Statements:

- Secure borders, enforce immigration laws, prosecute employers who hire illegal workers. No amnesty, no tax-payer funded social services, education or medical care for those here unlawfully.
- Repeal so-called "Patriot Act", Stop REAL ID
- End un-American trade agreements that steal American jobs- abolish NAFTA, GATT, WTO end the push for a North American Union
- End unconstitutional wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Abolish IRS, Federal Reserve
- Overturn Roe v Wade
- Return government to constitutional limits, end federal control of education, energy, all functions of government not called-for in the US Constitution.
- Restore 2nd amendment rights, guaranteeing the right to gun ownership.
- "Therefore, it is essential to bind government with the chains of the Constitution and carefully divide and jealously limit government powers to those assigned by the consent of the governed..." "

There is still hope!

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# BARR '08

LIBERTY FOR AMERICA

**Biographical Sketch:** Bob Barr is the 2008 Libertarian nominee for President of the United States. Previously, he represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003, serving as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, as Vice-Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, and as a member of the Committee on Financial Services. He now practices law, and runs a consulting firm, Liberty Strategies LLC, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Barr works tirelessly to help preserve our fundamental right to privacy and our other civil liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

### Position Statements:

Having seen the true nature of government from inside and out, only Bob Barr has the qualifications, the passion, and the commitment to work for the American people in their interest — not the government's. Bob knows the answer is less government.

**Spending and the Economy** - The government cannot continue spending at its current rate if America is to remain competitive in the global marketplace. The new administration's number one job will be to drastically reduce spending by limiting federal outlays to only the government's Constitutional functions.

Every area of federal spending can and should be cut. Entitlements must be reformed and welfare should be cut, including subsidies for business sometimes called corporate welfare. Military outlays should be reduced and pork barrel spending eliminated. Needless, duplicative, and wasteful programs, most of which have no constitutional basis, should be terminated.

### **Border Security and Immigration**

The starting point of any immigration policy is to secure the borders to the extent possible. America needs to be able to check potential immigrants, criminal background, communicable disease and possible terrorism. Only by deterring massive illegal border crossings can the U.S. put in place a fair and enforceable legal immigration policy.

Equally important, we must end government benefits and services for illegal immigrants. These services cost states billions of dollars annually in medical costs alone. Private charities may support whomever they believe to be worthy of help, but taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize those who illegally enter America.

### **Taxes**

Americans pay far too much in taxes. In 2008, Tax Freedom Day was April 23, which means the average taxpayer worked nearly four months to pay all levels of government taxes. It is impossible for any one person to fully comprehend the U.S. Tax Code; each year billions of hours are spent by taxpayers trying to comply with tax laws.

Tax reform is desperately needed in the United States. Meaningful tax reform begins with reining in government spending. Second, we need a tax code that makes taxation fairer and simpler for all citizens.

### **Healthcare**

Today's health care problems are complex, but the solution is not socialized medicine in any form. Countries that have nationalized their medical systems inevitably ration care through the political system; costs are driven down by denying needed care.

Our health care policy should be reformed based on the principle of consumer-oriented health care. Regulations that mandate insurance coverage and inflate premiums should be eliminated. Controls that unduly restrict competition within the health care industry limit access to insurance across state lines, should be ended. Moreover, current tax policy, should be reformed, encouraging individual purchase of less costly catastrophic policies.

### **Foreign Intervention and Foreign Bases**

America should not be the world's policeman. The American purpose is to provide a strong national defense, not to engage in nation building or to launch foreign crusades, no matter how seemingly well-intentioned.

It is time to reemphasize the word "defense" in national defense. By maintaining a military presence in more than 130 nations around the world in more than 700 installations, the U.S. spends more to protect the soil of other nations than our own. The U.S. requires a military strong enough to defend this nation, not to support and defend much of the rest of the world.

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### Biographical Sketch

Róger Calero, 39, is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for president. He has joined the fight for legalization of undocumented workers and in July he marched with 1,500 people in Postville, Iowa, protesting the immigration raid, detentions, hasty trials, and deportations of nearly 400 packinghouse workers from the Agriprocessors plant. In 2000, working as meatpacker in Iowa and then in Minnesota, Calero joined the organizing drive for a union at Dakota Premium Foods in South St. Paul, Minnesota. The two-year battle began with a sit-down strike, gained broad solidarity, and won recognition of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 789.

### Position Statement for Róger Calero

The crisis of capitalism means working people face escalating anti-labor assaults, including efforts to divide and weaken us by scapegoating immigrants, and dealing blows that fall heaviest on workers who are Black. The **Socialist Workers Party** campaigns for a course to defend workers and farmers against the devastating consequences of capitalism's world disorder.

Calero, Kennedy and our campaigners **join and support** efforts to **organize unions** and to extend and use union power to defend working people. Since May Day 2006, hundreds of thousands, both native- and foreign-born workers, have mobilized in defense of immigrants' rights, and against raids and deportations. Packinghouse workers in parts of the Midwest have made gains in organizing and defending their unions.

Workers should emulate and extend such struggles, in order to fight for dignity on the job, more livable wages, and health and safety protection. The unions must organize *all* the unorganized. We stand for **immediate legalization of undocumented workers**, with no penalties or conditions.

To combat inflation and joblessness, the Socialist Workers candidates demand regular **cost-of-living increases** in wages and benefits, **federal legislation to shorten the workweek**, with no cut in take-home pay, to spread available work to all. We demand that Washington **increase the federal minimum wage** and put millions to work at union-scale wages through a massive public works program. We call for an **emergency halt to farm and home foreclosures**.

The socialist campaign says: **Nationalize the energy industry, including the coal mines, and run it under workers control** to enforce safety, halt pollution, and make energy safe and affordable.

The federal government must **guarantee lifetime medical care and retirement pensions for all**. No cuts in Social Security, Medicare, or workers compensation payments.

The socialist candidates call on the **labor movement to champion struggles** against anti-Black discrimination; for women's equality and abortion rights; in defense of affirmative action in jobs and education; for a halt to cop brutality; and against all discrimination against homosexuals and other targets of bigotry.

We demand **repeal of the Patriot Act**, an end to stepped-up government spying, defense of the rights of the accused and convicted, and **abolition of the death penalty**.

**Shut Guantánamo** and other U.S. "detention" centers, ensure full constitutional rights to all in custody, and end the use of torture.

The Socialist Workers campaign **demand immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and coalition troops from Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan**, and everywhere else U.S. forces are stationed. **Stop the bombing threats against Iran. Normalize U.S. relations with Cuba and North Korea**.

Defense of the interests of working people cannot solely be fought out at each workplace or industry, or with union solidarity and militancy alone. **The working class needs our own political party, a labor party**, based on a fighting union movement, to contest against the Democrats, Republicans, and other capitalist parties and to mobilize us in the millions to act in our own defense.

Working people must build a revolutionary movement of millions to replace the state power and class rule of that tiny propertied minority. We must establish a workers and farmers government that can abolish capitalism, reorganize society in the interests of the vast majority, and join in the world struggle for socialism.

*Join us in campaigning for the SWP candidates—the working-class alternative in the 2008 elections, running against the capitalist class!*

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Economy: There is nothing more urgent than the need for full employment, job training and educational opportunities for adults. More than 600,000 people have lost their jobs this year alone. African-American and Latino young people are suffering from depression-level unemployment. Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, strengthen social security. Instead of a bank bail-out, prosecute the thousands of bankers and corporate executives who enriched themselves and bankrupted millions of working people. Ban evictions, return the foreclosed homes. Expropriate the oil companies, pharmaceuticals and health insurance companies. Pass the Employees Free Choice Act, workers must have the right to a union.

Immigration: My party supports full rights for all immigrants, and an end to raids and deportations. There are 17 million permanent residents and 12 million undocumented workers whose voices are silenced in the political process and denied the right to vote. The government and big business hypocritically demonize immigrants, yet super-exploit and profit from their labor. Immigration results from U.S. policy which, for example, floods Mexico with heavily-subsidized corn and other crops. NAFTA has bankrupted Mexican farmers and workers and hurt U.S. workers too. When all people back full rights for all workers, we can more effectively defeat pro-rich government policies.

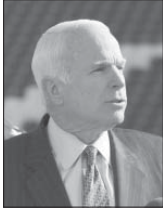
International policy: Withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan immediately, close down all 700 U.S. bases worldwide. Use the military budget instead to create a massive jobs program, housing, and to provide free healthcare and free education. The U.S. military is not a defensive force, it has staged coups, invaded and devastated countries like Korea, Vietnam, Haiti, Panama, Iraq. Support full self-determination for the Palestinian people, end aid to Israel. Stop the use of blockades and sanctions against all countries, including Cuba, Sudan, Iran, North Korea. Shut down Guantánamo, return the territory to Cuba. Dismantle U.S. nuclear weapons. Free Puerto Rico now.

Social Justice: We need a new constitution that guarantees rights to employment, equality, housing, education, healthcare, and bans racist, sexist, homophobic discrimination. Restore the Bill of Rights. My campaign calls for abolishing the death penalty, reform prison sentencing, provide education, rehabilitation, jobs and alternatives to prison. Restore legal-aid, provide effective representation for defendants. Repeal the Patriot Act, Classified Information Procedures Act, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Respect Native lands and sovereignty. Rebuild New Orleans, Gulf Coast, Mississippi River communities, fully compensate the survivors. Strengthen environmental laws, stop corporate polluters, declare global-warning emergency. Revamp public schools, children have a right to quality education.

Additional Issues: I call for freeing political prisoners wrongfully prosecuted and imprisoned: Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal and the Cuban Five. Free those being held in U.S. prisons abroad, from Guantánamo to the secret dungeons of rendition. Finally, I am running to popularize a program that puts people before profits and promotes this truth: Every progressive social gain—whether Social Security or Unemployment benefits, the Civil Rights struggle of African Americans, women's, LGBT rights, and more—was won not because politicians led the way but because the people organized and struggled for their rights. We need socialism and an end to the profit motive.

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## FOR PRESIDENT



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### Biographical Sketch:

John McCain, son and grandson of admirals, graduated from Annapolis and became a navy pilot. On a mission over Hanoi, he was shot down and taken captive. Although gravely injured, he refused release, adhering to the honor code – first in, first out -- and came to believe life's meaning derives from fighting for a cause greater than one's self-interest. In 1982 he was elected to Congress (R-AZ) and after two terms, the Senate, where as a 'maverick' he forges bi-partisan reforms.

### Position Statements:

#### Climate Change

Global climate change is one of the greatest challenges confronting our country and our world today. Our Administration will meet this challenge through a market-based system to curb greenhouse gas emissions, develop green technologies and strengthen our economy. A climate cap-and-trade mechanism will set a limit on emissions, allowing entities to buy and sell rights to emit, similar to the 90's acid rain program. This strategy will coordinate efforts of venture capitalists, corporate planners, entrepreneurs, and environmentalists around the common motive of reducing emissions and developing low-carbon technologies. We will reform federal government research funding and infrastructure to support this plan.

#### Education

America is a nation committed to the ideal of equal opportunity, which cannot exist without equal access to quality education for all its children. In order to ensure them a prosperous future, as well as keep America competitive in the world, our schools must compete for the most effective, character-building teachers. Our Administration will provide funds to recruit, reward and retain high-performing teachers, particularly in math and science, and provide additional tutoring to low-income children. If a school fails to provide quality education to a child, the parents will be empowered to choose a school that will do a better job.

#### Economy

Our economy is struggling. Our Administration will get it back on track toward prosperity. To accomplish this, we will keep taxes low and cut business taxes – the second highest in the world – from 35 to 25 percent, preventing jobs from going overseas. We will simplify the tax code, double the child exemption to 7000 dollars and give every family a 5000 dollar tax credit for health insurance. We will place a one year across-the-board freeze on government spending growth, with the exception of national defense and veteran's affairs. We will open new markets for American goods and prepare workers to compete in the world economy. We will clean house at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and restore fairness and integrity to Wall Street to assure that the present financial crisis will never happen again.

#### Energy

In a world of hostile and unstable suppliers of oil, the United States must achieve energy independence to assure its economic future and national security. Our plan, the Lexington Project -- named for the town where Americans asserted their independence once before -- will achieve national strategic independence by 2025. It calls for environmentally sound, off-shore drilling; clean coal technologies; nuclear power; and development of wind, hydro, and solar power. Our Administration will reform transportation through flex-fuel vehicles and incentives for automakers to reduce carbon emissions. We will make greening the federal government a priority and move toward electricity-grid and metering improvements to save energy.

#### Iraq

Our Administration will end the war, but we intend to win it first. We will bring our troops home as soon as conditions on the ground permit – and we will bring them home with victory and honor. It is strategically and morally imperative that the U.S. leave Iraq secured as a democratic ally in the Arab heartland, as well help Iraq become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its own people by putting an end to sectarian violence and defeating Al Qaeda within its own borders. We know that a decisive victory there will contribute to our national security.

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## FOR PRESIDENT



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### Biography:

Raised in a large Irish-Catholic family in Oakland, California, Brian is a graduate of a Franciscan Seminary and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer for three years Latin America.

Brian has been a health care administrator in HMO's and public health projects overseas totaling 25 years, and a present day health recruiter. He was a civic activist for 30 years, a political campaign volunteer for 20 years and a candidate for city council and mayor in Wash. DC and for congress in Florida three times.

Brian lives with his wife, Peggy, and their 11-year-old son in Spring Hill, Florida.

### Position Statement:

#### **IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ/IMPEACHMENT AND WAR CRIMES APPLIED TO CHENEY AND BUSH:**

As an outspoken and early critic of the misguided and disastrous war in Iraq, Brian favors the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops and corporations from that country. Unlike the Democratic Party, which continues to wholeheartedly support and fund the unjustified and costly American occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan — a quagmire that Brian and his antiwar colleagues presciently warned against in 2002 —before the Iraq War began. Brian is one of several minor party candidates for the U.S. Presidency who have unequivocally called for the impeachment of President Bush, VP Cheney and other high administration and military officials, as well as their indictment at the Hague for crimes against humanity.

#### **CUT MILITARY SPENDING IN HALF/ END U.S. ARMS SALES/ CALL FOR UNCONDITIONAL DISARMAMENT:**

Unlike the Democrats and Republicans, and their Armed Services Committees, Brian has called for an immediate 50% reduction in military spending by eliminating all overseas military bases, ending the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and canceling the production of exorbitant high-tech airplanes and weapons. Brian also calls for an end to U.S. arms sales worldwide. The Socialist also believes that the National Guard and military reservists should be used exclusively for natural disasters and homeland security.

#### **IMPLEMENT SOCIALIZED HEALTH SYSTEM--SALARY PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS:**

Brian has long advocated socialized health coverage for everyone — 48 million Americans who are currently uninsured, and 100 million who are underinsured, plus full coverage for all citizens and immigrant residents — through a national medical, dental and mental care system based on the VA model. 1600 private for-profit health insurance companies will be replaced by one national system, thus eliminating excessive profits, paperwork and marketing/administrative waste. The \$600 billion in savings will cover all 48 Americans without care. Regional Commissions of consumers and medical personnel will set policy, benefit levels, and salaries.

#### **NATIONALIZE FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS / SUPPORT WORKER CONTROL:**

Brian has repeatedly advocated worker control and a trade policy to protect American manufacturing and white/blue collar jobs by keeping U.S. corporations in this country, while discouraging the outsourcing of U.S. jobs to other nations. He favors a 100% capital flight tax. He opposes global trade based on profit by a few corporations as inherently unfair. Brian advocates a 30-hour work week, six weeks paid vacation, repeal of the Hatch and Taft Hartley Acts, unemployment compensation for full job-loss and retraining periods, free education, and union recognition.

#### **TRANSITION ECONOMY TO A SOCIALIST SYSTEM:**

Brian calls for a fundamental transformation of the American economic system from capitalism to socialism. He calls for the transitioning of for-profit corporations to non-profit businesses, decentralized, owned and its production democratically controlled by citizens and workers. He also calls for the nationalization of the oil, pharmaceutical and airline industries to be socially owned / democratically controlled, plus all financial and insurance institutions run a national banking authority. He supports a guaranteed annual income for all needy citizens; and a maximum income of CEO's of no more than 10 times the minimum. Brian favors U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA, GATT, CAFTA and WTO, whose policies have increased immigration.

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## FOR PRESIDENT



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### Biographical Sketch:

Attorney, author, consumer advocate. Attended Princeton University, Harvard Law. One of the "100 Most Influential Americans in the 20th Century" (Time Magazine). Four decades of exposing problems and organizing millions of citizens into public interest groups advocating solutions. Led the movement to establish the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Helped enact the Safe Drinking Water Act, Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Because of Ralph Nader we drive safer cars, eat healthier food, breathe better air, drink cleaner water, and work in safer environments.

### Summary of Important Positions:

Corporations have wrested control of government, causing wasteful spending and sweetheart deals while disenfranchising average Americans. Power must be returned to the people, whose needs should be met before corporations: We must adopt a national, single-payer health care system to cover all citizens, provide free college education, and repair the crumbling infrastructure of our cities and schools, increasing both jobs and quality of life. Repeal the WTO and NAFTA, which drains jobs, and provide a living wage for workers - \$10 minimum. Tax the things we like least such as pollution, Wall Street securities speculation, and excessive corporate executive pay, instead of taxing labor. Eliminate all payroll taxes up to \$50,000. We need to crack down on corporate crime. Cut the bloated military budget, effect a total corporate and military withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, and employ a sensible two-state Middle East solution. Get all money out of politics with full public financing of elections. Defend voter and candidate rights by making election day a federal holiday, enacting nationwide same-day voter registration, and halting ballot obstructionism. To solve the energy crisis, we must invest in renewable energies, like wind and solar, and adopt a carbon pollution tax, while halting subsidies for fossil fuels. End attacks on civil liberties like the PATRIOT act and the "war on drugs." Abolish the death penalty and end the private prison system. A free society must ensure that all Americans enjoy full and equal rights, socially, legally, and politically.

Americans need to take back their government. The federal budget must place human needs before corporate greed and militarism. We must ensure that every citizen has an equal voice through enacting electoral reforms: institute Instant Run Off Voting, where candidates are ranked so the true favorite wins, and allow same-day voter registration. Discontinue paperless electronic voting, which is susceptible to tampering; end gerrymandering and ballot obstructions. Presidential debates should be fair and open. Facilitate voter initiatives, where citizens can enact or reject proposed laws directly. Employ public campaign financing to assure clean and fair elections, and set congressional term limits so legislators stay responsive to their constituency. Oppose "tort reform," which denies victims' rights by placing arbitrary caps on court awards. Fix the pension system so that all Americans retire securely, and provide a minimum wage that responds to inflation and is livable. Cut exorbitant CEO profits and provide free choice health care for all. Ensure the constitutional and social rights of all citizens. Support the Equal Rights Amendment and assure women have reproductive freedom. Support tribal sovereignty for Alaskan natives, and honor all treaties. We must ensure the future of our planet. Preserve our national parks and wilderness zones - no drilling on protected lands. Defend food integrity and safety and support family farms. Invest in renewable energy sources and end fossil fuel reliance, which is environmentally destructive and endangers the ecosystem. Abandoning militaristic pursuits around the world will enable social and educational programs to be fully funded.

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## FOR PRESIDENT



**Candidate Name: BARACK OBAMA**

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### Biographical Sketch:

Barack Obama was raised by his grandfather, who served in Patton's army, and grandmother, who worked up from secretary to middle management at a bank.

After working his way through college and law school with scholarships and student loans, Obama moved to Chicago to work with churches rebuilding communities devastated by steel plant closings.

As a state senator, Obama passed \$100 million in tax cuts for families and expanded health care for 150,000 children. In the U.S. Senate, Obama forged bipartisan legislation to double fuel efficiency standards, passed sweeping lobbying reform, and worked to keep weapons out of terrorists' hands.

### Summary of Important Positions:

I'm running for President because at this defining moment in our nation's history, we have a chance to forge a new majority so we can solve the problems we've been talking about for decades.

I'm running to turn the page on the failed politics of the past; a politics that divides us when we should be coming together to solve problems; a politics that accepts lobbyists as part of the system in Washington, instead of recognizing that they're part of the problem; and where politicians don't mean what they say or say what they mean.

As President, I'll bring Democrats and Republicans together to solve the problems facing us – starting by strengthening our economy and standing up for the middle class. I'll invest in clean energies so we can create green jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and save this planet for our children. I'll stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship our jobs overseas, and put a middle-class tax cut into the pockets of working families, struggling homeowners, and seniors who deserve to retire with dignity and security. I'll work for affordable, accessible health care for all. I'll make college affordable for anyone who wants to go. And I'll responsibly end the war in Iraq - a war I opposed from the start.

Since I walked away from a career on Wall Street to work as a community organizer more than two decades ago, I've fought to bring people together, and to make a difference in the lives of ordinary Americans. I don't want to pit Blue States against Red States - I want to lead the United States of America in a new direction to turn this moment of challenge into our moment of opportunity.

I'm running for President to change the ways of Washington and make sure it works for the American people. As President, I will fight to put opportunity within reach for every American and restore America's security.

To get involved and help bring the change our country needs, please visit my campaign online at [www.VT.BarackObama.com](http://www.VT.BarackObama.com).

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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### Biography:

Mike Bethel was born 2/8/51 in Greenfield, Massachusetts. He graduated from Hanover High School, Hanover, Massachusetts, in 1970. He moved to Bennington with his parents when he was a child. He is a self-taught artist and newspaper columnist. He has hosted a CAT-TV program on public affairs in Bennington since 2000.

### Statement of Principles

I decided to run for Congress out of a sense of wonder. I wonder how it is that Congress is so incapable of doing anything useful for the majority of American citizens.

I wonder how this 435-member body, made up principally of millionaires, can know what it is like to live the life of the average person.

I wonder why our country is in such a state of decline economically and in the eyes of the world, and why we can't do better with all the genius, ambition, and commitment to hard work of our people.

Maybe instead of blaming each other, Congress could actually try to do something good for the people.

You may agree with me, but you'd be right to ask, who am I to think I could do better. The voters of Bennington County know who I am. There are many other Vermonters I have not met, who do not know me.

### Please let me introduce myself.

I am a 57-year old resident of Bennington living on disability income. I use a wheelchair, but I don't consider myself disabled. Over the last several years, I have been an advocate for the poor, for children, and for working Vermonters.

I have hosted a regular public access television program for many years, and written a regular column in the Bennington Banner (Democracy Watch). I have taken on complicated issues others would not handle, and I have often succeeded in bringing about real change, in spite of the handwringing and knashing of teeth of powerful interests.

I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican. I am neither a progressive nor a conservative. I think of myself as a realist, and I believe I have the good sense to recognize baloney when it is spoken or written.

### Here is what I believe:

I believe in the United States and the principles of our constitution.

I believe in the people, and their inherent wisdom.

I believe elective representatives should be of the people.

I believe government can help, but that it can't solve all our problems.

I believe sometimes the best thing government can do is to get out of the way of individual initiative.

I believe taxes are too high, and that too much of what people earn is wasted by the federal government.

I believe the United States oversteps its place, and its welcome, trying to be policeman to the world, forcing our system of governance on others, instead of leading by example. I think we could benefit from a little more humility, patience, and understanding.

I believe solving the energy crisis is our first and foremost challenge, and that if we can reduce our dependence on oil we will have addressed the majority of our domestic and foreign problems.

I believe that the two party system is corrupted by special interests.

I believe Congress needs to be shaken, not stirred, until it starts making decisions in the best interests of every American, not just the privileged and the elite.

I believe in term limits, initiative, referenda, and accountability of politicians.

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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2006 <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/elections/2006/VT.html>

### Biographical Sketch:

Cris Ericson is working on improving her motion picture script with her original music and character illustrations, "Champ the Lake Champlain Monster." Cris created a new domain this year, <http://eb-5.biz>, to let foreign investors know she would like to start her own motion picture and sound studio here in Vermont. Each foreigner is allowed to invest \$500,000. in to a new Vermont business that creates jobs, and in exchange, after two years the foreigner qualifies for a Permanent Resident Alien Visa. She needs 1000 investors.

### Position Statement:

If you vote for Cris Ericson, she will definitely support MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION!

Currently in the 110th Congress, 2d Session, H.R. 5843 "Personal Use of Marijuana by Responsible Adults". Title: To eliminate most Federal penalties for possession of marijuana for personal use, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Representative Barney Frank, MA, 7 Co-Sponsors. IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 17, 2008, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "Act to Remove Federal Penalties for the Personal Use of Marijuana by Responsible Adults." SEC. 2 ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN MARIJUANA RELATED PENALTIES. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Law, no penalty may be imposed under an Act of Congress for the possession of marijuana for personal use, or for the not-for-profit transfer of one ounce or less of marijuana, except that the civil penalty provided in section 405 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 844a) may be imposed for the public use of marijuana if the amount of the penalty does not exceed \$100. 110th Congress, 2nd Session, Washington, DC 20515 (202)224-3121, H.R. 5843 Latest Major Action: 4/28/2008 Referred to House Subcommittee, Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Search Bill Number at <http://thomas.loc.gov> Please elect Cris Ericson to the United States Congress because she will work to pass H.R. 5843 "Personal Use of Marijuana by Responsible Adults Act."

### LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Stop using chemicals to eradicate invasive plant and fish species in Lake Champlain because it would be healthier and more cost effective to use free prison labor, as allowed under the Vermont Constitution. Remove unwanted aquatic life by hand, on row boats, with nets and fishing gear. Process the species in a humane way, and have prisoners sell it to gardeners as fertilizer. Prisoners can spend Autumn building their own row boats and oars after chopping down trees. In winter, they can knit fishing nets. Prisoners should be allowed to keep and grow their own sheep and hemp to make fiber.

### ABUSE OF DISABLED VERMONTERS

Act of the General Assembly No. 25 (S. 90) 18 V.S.A. Chapter 84A, Section 4281 Vermont Prescription Monitoring System allows Police to do warrantless searches and seizures, in violation of the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, of patients' prescriptions received. State Police have no jurisdiction over a physician's federal prescription license. Police stalking innocent patients trying to charge them with "intent" to sell a pill is abusive. Threatening innocent patients is an intimidating violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 241. Police shouldn't be jealous of disabled patients receiving "benefits". The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission changed its rules because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the determination of "disability" must take into consideration mitigating measures, which includes prescriptions! The idea is: people need enough medicine to get back to work!

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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### Biographical Sketch:

I enlisted in the army to defend our nation and Constitution. I served in the infantry in 150 combat missions during my first year in Iraq and was stop-lossed another 4 months in combat. I witnessed first-hand the tragic consequences of Presidential malfeasance and enabling Congressional dithering. Washington requires a candidate for Congress who answers to the Constitution and Vermont constituents instead of the congressional leadership that keeps funding this war. Ending the war and its enormous drain on resources is crucial for improving the economy, the environment, health care, education, and respect for the United States.

### Iraq and Afghan Wars

- Bring all the troops home now and take good care of them when they get home
- Vote against funding for the wars; funding only to bring them home

### Health Care

ALL AMERICANS in one publicly funded single payer health plan ([www.pnhp.org/facts/singlepayer\\_faq.php](http://www.pnhp.org/facts/singlepayer_faq.php)) No premiums, no co-pays, no deductibles, no not insured, no pre-existing condition. Insurance companies out.

### Energy Policies

- Stop subsidies for oil, nuclear, and coal
- Support rapid increase in energy efficiency in homes, offices, factories, and appliances to reduce energy consumption and reduce global warming
- Support rapid growth in wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, and wood-clean energy providing jobs, security, a clean environment, and better health
- Progressively mandate high gas mileage automobiles to strengthen the US car industry and fuel efficiency.
- Support rapid expansion of rail and bus transportation, including high speed rail ([www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/200](http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/200))
- Capture toxic metals and sequester carbon dioxide at coal plants. Implement a carbon tax and use the funds for more rapidly implementing energy efficiency, wind, solar, and biomass, etc. ([www.carbontax.org/](http://www.carbontax.org/))
- Close Vermont Yankee and all other nuclear power plants and make the energy companies pay for cleaning up the sites and storing spent fuel

### Recruitment/Contract Reform

- Eliminate predatory recruiting practices.
- Stop-Loss and the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) are both back door draft policies that are deceitfully vague and misleading to enlistees.
- Recruiters use the fear of being activated in the IRR to coerce re-enlistment of personnel into the National Guard and Reserves
- Policies should be clear, concise, and readily available to service members.
- End Military Obligation Service Clauses and Stop-Loss Policies
- Military contracts should be simple and reflect the principles of a true volunteer military Force.

### Stop Corporate Crime and Start Supporting Working People

- Indict and convict corporate criminals who are stealing trillions of dollars from workers, retirees, investors, and consumers.
- Make corporations and executives pay back all money wrongfully taken
- Democratize corporate governance
- 100% tax on excess executive compensation. Any pay 15 times more than lowest paid worker is excessive. In order for executives to get paid more they must raise pay overall. Example: If lowest paid worker gets \$30,000 a year then maximum executive pay is \$450,000 a year, any amount over would be taxed at 100%.
- Require full disclosure of all executive compensation including stock options and other bonuses.
- Make organizing a union easier—repeal Taft-Hartley and support the card check bill that provides union certification if a majority sign cards requesting it
- Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that send good jobs to other countries and exploit workers
- Adopt a livable wage of \$10 an hour, adjusting for inflation
- Close loopholes in the tax system for the super rich and lower taxes on middle class and working people by using a progressive tier tax
- Enforce IRS tax code on corporations; tax evasion costs the average citizen \$1600 annually, conservatively, according to testimony from former IRS commissioner Charles O. Rossotti ([query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9D03E6D7123EF936A35752C1A9649C8B63](http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9D03E6D7123EF936A35752C1A9649C8B63))

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

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### Biographical Sketch:

I am the mother of five, (one died) and grandmother of 10. I am a retired nurse, now working to shut down Vermont Yankee in 2012, and “counter-recruiting” in 8 high schools, hoping that students, when considering joining the military, will make better informed decisions .I am a member of the Socialist Party USA and Veterans for Peace.

### 1).Closing the disconnect between foreign and domestic policies

This allows us to “normalize the unthinkable” Also unless we consider the vast amounts of money spent on war, (while we were all thinking about the “bail-out”, congress passed the first Pentagon budget in history to go over 1 trillion dollars), we might as well forget about fixing schools, taking care of the sick or mending the roads.

### 2.)The Liberty Union is against the use of violence as a policy of the government.

Violence includes war, poverty, exploitation, the destruction of the environment, all of which our capitalistic system thrives on. The US has killed more people within its borders than any other country; 83% of our manufacturing goes to war; we sell more weapons than any other country. Ending wars, taxing the rich and decriminalizing drugs would provide all the money we need to have universal health care, good schools, safe bridges and roads.. As it is someone in the world dies every second from war, starvation or a preventable disease.

### 3) Capitalism as we know it must change if we want a world for the children.

The savage gap between rich and poor must, for the sake of human decency, be reversed so that, like our public school system, all human needs will be a right, free, funded by a fair system of taxation and no wars.

### 4)Shut down Vermont Yankee in 2012

Safe? The most toxic waste known to man, radioactive for 250,000 years; a source of energy that needs an evacuation plan,, and a possible “accident” that will make New England uninhabitable for 250,000 years?. Cheap? Taxes build reactors, pay for their insurance, and, if Entergy has its way, Vermonters will pay the 800,000 million decommissioning fund. Clean? Every ton of uranium mined produces 27 tons of greenhouse gases and the enrichment process releases large amounts of CO2 and Freon gases, all of which contributes to global warming and threatens our grandchildren.

### 5) the connection between nuclear power and the Pentagon

Depleted Uranium (60% radioactive) is part of the enrichment process. It is so dense that it will penetrate anything. Therefore the Pentagon has used it since 1991, wherever we have been killing people, to coat weapons from Bunker busters to bullets..which, when they explode are causing a silent genocide. In one year (1991) in 1 country (Iraq), we released the radioactive equivalent of 85,000 Nagasaki bombs. What has happened since then is unthinkable. Closing Vermont Yankee is a tiny step but we must do it if we care about the children

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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### Biographical sketch:

I am a pilot, photographer, small businessman, and community organizer.

I was born an "army brat" of 2 great Vermonters, Agnes Monahan, of Richford, and Bernard Trudell, of Burlington. Currently I publish notecards of my aerial photography (see website slide show on [trudellforcongress.com](http://trudellforcongress.com)) and shoot aerial site surveys for property owners.

I also have an extensive and varied background as a community organizer. I also have a mechanical background, as well as a lifelong interest in alternative energy, which has inspired me to apply my own creative imagination to the task of problem solving, and this is why I am running for congress, as we need to "jump start the energy revolution".

### Position Statement:

First, I believe that we are in an "energy emergency". Therefore, we need to "Jump start the Energy Revolution.

According to the Vermont Public Service Board, 60% of Vermonters rely on heating oil. Additionally, Vermonters are overly reliant on the private auto. According to the New York Times, auto ownership is the second largest expense of the average household. This was true even before the steep rise in gas prices.

Therefore we need specific solutions to address these twin demons, before it is too late.

My "Rainy Day Proposal" addresses both of these problems with real solutions which can transform us from energy consumers, held hostage to high priced out of state energy, into energy producers, which is the only real solution to the energy crisis.

First, I am proposing that Vermont households, farms, and businesses receive grants and low interest loans to install solar heating systems. This can be done by using Vermont's "Rainy Day Fund" of 60 million dollars to establish an investment pool. Since we have such an emergency, it is therefore appropriate to take emergency measures. Monies can be added to this fund as available, to get the job done.

Second: we must connect existing public transit systems to form a statewide system in order to provide transportation options to the prohibitive cost of gasoline. This can be done with approx 20 million dollars, based on current operating expenses.

My Rainy Day proposal is explained in greater detail on my website. I also have more info on energy solutions, as I am making Energy my central issue, as I believe that Americans want and need to be Energy Dependent more than ever.

My proposal would also be a tremendous economic stimulus to our weak economy, as we stop the highway robbery of high out of state energy, and put all that money that is now being sucked up by this 20th Century arrangement into the local economy.

My proposal would also create good paying "Clean Energy jobs" which would also be great for the local economy and create new opportunities for our children's future to live and work in Vermont with a prosperous 21st century economy.

At the same time "Zero emission" technology is the real solution to the Global warming crisis, as there is no need to "tax" a zero emission, energy. That is why my proposal is a "Win Win" situation, as we solve our greatest challenges going into the new millennium.

We must have creative problem solving, and I believe that Congress needs an ambitious vision for a National energy policy as well. As your Congressman, I will introduce major energy legislation, setting the truly ambitious goals that are necessary for us to solve our greatest challenges as we move into the 21st Century.

Please check my website for more info on Energy solutions, as well as other issues, and Vote this November for Energy Independence.

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## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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### Biographical Sketch:

Peter was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and graduated from Holy Cross College. He spent a year as a Kennedy Fellow in Chicago before earning his law degree at the University of California, Berkeley. Peter was a founding partner in the firm of Welch, Graham & Manby. He also represented Windsor County in the Vermont State Senate, including serving as Vermont's first Democratic President Pro Tem. In 2006, Peter was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He serves on the House Committee on Rules and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### Position Statements:

Since his election in 2006, Peter Welch has been recognized as a new leader in Congress. In particular, he has passed more legislation than any other new Member of Congress.

Congressmen Welch has been a champion of the middle class through his efforts to cut the cost of fuel, make higher education more affordable, and reduce the cost of health care. He sponsored legislation signed into law by the president that suspended costly shipments to the strategic oil reserve. Working with the Vermont delegation, he doubled funding for heating assistance this winter. Peter supported legislation that cut the cost of student loans and raised mileage standards for automobiles. And he strongly supports eliminating tax breaks for oil companies and instead investing in clean energy alternatives.

Peter has been a forceful advocate for ending the war in Iraq and a champion for improving care for veterans. Congressman Welch strongly believes that Congress must use the power of the purse to force a change of policy and end this war. He opposed the war before it began and voted six times in Congress to force the president to redeploy troops by a date certain and nine times to deny the President blank check funding for the war. Peter firmly believes that the cost of the war must include the cost of caring for our warriors which is why he supported historic increases in funding for veterans programs.

To stay in touch with Vermonters, Peter returns home nearly every weekend. He regularly holds Congress in Your Community meetings at general stores and community meeting places across Vermont to listen to the concerns and ideas of Vermonters.

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## FOR GOVERNOR



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Biography Sketch:

My spouse of 52 years, Doris Lake, and I have resided in the same house in Brattleboro for 40 years. Our children, Aaron, Jessica, Ian and Paula and 14 of our 15 grandchildren live nearby, so much of our lives revolve around family.

Doris and I are 2 of the original 1970 organizers of the Liberty Union. We are National Committee members of the Socialist Party USA and members of Veterans for Peace.

I have a BA (Economics), Queens College, and JD(Law), University of Chicago, both largely paid for by Doris' employment and the GI Bill

Position Statement:

The LUP – Liberty Union Party - was formed in 1970 by former Congressperson, William H. Meyer.

LUP is four colored: red, green, black, and white.

White for the rejection of violence as government policy. We urge the end of "...research, production, testing of, and deployment of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons including uranium ammunition... We reject the claim... That 'we must kill them before they can kill us.' We must refuse to burn and kill no matter who 'orders' us to."

Black for anarchism. LUP supports unabridged freedoms of expression and privacy including the unfettered right to abort pregnancies safely.

Green for environmentalism. LUP opposed the construction of VT Yankee, and urges the decommissioning of all nuclear power plants at investors' expense. LUP urges preservation "of the planet and its resources for future generations."

Red for socialism. "The role of government is to assure a materially secure life, including socialized medicine, for all the earth's people," through community ownership of the major means of production and distribution.

Capitalism cannot survive without war and violence. Capitalism cannot survive without exploitation and degradation of the environment. Capitalism cannot survive without secret government, suppression of individual freedoms, and exploitation of ordinary people.

If we are to have peace, environmental preservation, freedom from oppression, and liberty with security, socialism is imperative, not optional.

My candidacy urges structurally revamping Vermont through socialism and prevention of trauma and disease. These Vermont changes may REQUIRE SECESSION.

1.. All providers of treatments and cures shall be on community payrolls with community owned and openly operated hospitals, both paid for only by taxes, eliminating fees for medications and services, deductibles, and copays.

2.. All Vermont workers need one hour of paid leave for every twelve worked, or the equivalent of four weeks annually, and 10 paid holidays for stress relief, mental health, and social group reinforcement, e.g., family.

3.. Disband The Vermont National Guard, ending "shanghaiing" of Vermonters for cannon fodder in U.S. imperial wars. Vermonters may have taxpayer-subsidized civilian militia, consistent with the 2nd Amendment. No Vermonter under 26 years may serve in any military, paramilitary, or police organization.

4.. Vermont's new Food and Drug Agency will protect against "Big Pharma" shams, e.g., Merck's "Gardasil," and restrict harmful procedures, e.g., annual mammograms, with radiation and misogynistic trauma causing breast cancer, replacing them without radiation or trauma with sound imaging or thermography (20 percent more effective.)

Vermont's FDA would bar schools from providing damaging foods, e.g., dairy from BGH-treated cows or "food" containing sugar substitutes. Food stores labeling would be required, e.g., "This product contains ASPERTAME – 10 percent wood alcohol that is metabolized into formaldehyde and can be deadly," or "This product contains soy and should not be given to children under 16 years of age."

Vermont's FDA would bar: using land and water for raising GMO's; fluoride poisoning public water supplies; and using mercury amalgam fillings, while covering their proper removal by socialized medical care.

5.. No license extension for VT Yankee. Truly pierce the "corporate veil" by holding all corporate officers, stockholders, and bondholders and their heirs personally responsible for any shortfall in funds for decommissioning, security and maintenance thereafter, and workers' pensions. Ultimately, Vermonters take community ownership of all major means of production and distribution.

6.. Make May 1, International Labor Day, a Vermont holiday.

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## FOR GOVERNOR



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### **Biography:**

Governor Jim Douglas was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives in 1972, where he rose to Majority Leader at just 25 years old. Before his election as Governor in 2002 he served as a top aide to Governor Richard Snelling, as Secretary of State from 1981 to 1993 and as State Treasurer from 1995 to 2003.

Governor Douglas is a past President of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, Porter Medical Center, and a past Treasurer of the State 4-H Foundation. He has been Town Moderator for Middlebury more than twenty years.

Governor Douglas lives in Middlebury with his wife Dorothy.

### **Issues:**

During his time as Governor, Jim Douglas has made strengthening Vermont's economy, protecting the fiscal wellbeing of our state and its residents, and creating greater opportunities for the next generation the central focus of his administration.

#### **Investing in the Future**

Governor Douglas has proposed balanced budgets that live up to Vermont's commitment to the most vulnerable residents of our state, while making investments in our future every year he has been in office. He passed the largest job package in state history during his first term; invested in new college scholarship and workforce development programs with the *Next Generation Initiative*; put Vermont on a path to achieving a universal wireless broadband infrastructure with the *E-State Initiative*; and help jump start Vermont's economy earlier this year with his *Economic Growth Initiative*.

#### **Health Care**

Ensuring that Vermonters have access to high quality, affordable health care is a top priority for Governor Douglas. He signed the *Health Care Reform Act of 2006*, which included forward thinking reforms to control escalating health care costs through wellness and disease management initiatives and by providing affordable coverage to uninsured Vermonters through Catamount Health. He also initiated the *Vermont Blueprint for Health*; a public-private partnership created to help Vermonters live healthier lives and reduce the overall demand for costly medical services.

#### **Environment**

Governor Douglas has taken Vermont's tradition of environmental stewardship very serious. He was the first Governor to make cleaning up Vermont's waterways, including Lake Champlain, a top priority with his *Clean & Clear Program*; he has fought the federal government and the automobile industry so that Vermont can implement stricter tailpipe emissions standards for automobiles; and he has worked with leaders throughout our region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest in energy efficiency through the *Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*.

#### **Rising Costs**

In difficult economic times, Governor Douglas is committed to protecting the most vulnerable in our state. With high food and fuel prices facing Vermonters this coming winter, the Governor initiated the *Food and Fuel Partnership* so that every Vermonter will have access to all available state programs.

#### **Taxes**

Making Vermont more affordable for families and businesses has been a cornerstone of Governor Douglas' vision for Vermont. Vermonters are among the highest taxed people in the nation, and he has continually sought ways to ease the burden on the people of Vermont. In recent years, he worked with legislative leaders to pass the "two-vote" compromise to begin bending the curve on school spending.

#### **Economic Development**

Governor Douglas will continue to work to make Vermont more affordable and build a stronger economy for our future. He proposed a *Vermont Innovation Challenge* to encourage cutting edge businesses and entrepreneurs to make Vermont their home by offering meaningful incentives to innovators for being first to market with scientific advances that have a practical application. He has also proposed additional reforms to the permitting process to reduce the cost of doing business in Vermont; a *Research & Development Tax Credit* to help high-tech firms in Vermont compete in the global marketplace; *Opportunity Zones* and an *Urban Homestead Tax Incentive* to revitalize our downtowns and vacant industrial facilities; and *Green Growth Zones* that will bring together renewable energy producers, small businesses, manufacturers and residents to put smart growth principles to work in a mutually beneficial way.

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Biographical Sketch: Cris Ericson is working on improving her motion picture script with her original music and character illustrations, "Champ the Lake Champlain Monster." Cris created a new domain this year, <http://eb-5.biz>, to let foreign investors know she would like to start her own motion picture and sound studio here in Vermont. Each foreigner is allowed to invest \$500,000. in to a new Vermont business that creates jobs, and in exchange, after two years the foreigner qualifies for a Permanent Resident Alien Visa. She needs 1000 investors.

### Position Statement

#### GOVERNMENT FRAUD in VERMONT?

How many organizations receive state and/or federal tax payer dollars and then hold candidate forums and debates to which they only invite a few of the candidates for Governor of Vermont, while excluding others? Have these organizations filed as "Political Action Committees" as required under Election Law because they promote some candidates while excluding others?

Are these organizations guilty of federal criminal Law, Title 18 United States Code, Section 1001 for using even one dollar of federal funding to promote some candidates while excluding others? Do these organizations which hold candidate debates and forums, in which they specifically invite some candidates while excluding others, seriously, willfully and intentionally intend to confuse voters who will be surprised to find candidates they may know nothing about on the ballot?

Does the Secretary of State of Vermont, Elections Division, seriously, willfully and intentionally fail to distribute this publication, required under Vermont Law, in enough quantities for voters in each town, and at each town clerk's office where no newspaper publishes it? Isn't it true that in 2006 there were relatively few of these candidate information guides distributed?

Isn't it true that it would be more likely for one candidate to receive a majority of the vote if all voters had enough information about all candidates?

Does President Ahmadinejad of Iran know that candidates in Vermont, U.S.A. are deprived of equal treatment under the Law? Is Osama Bin Laden laughing at Vermont in his cave? Is George Washington rolling over in his grave?

A wealthy Black African American man can be on the ballot in Vermont for President of the United States. He is currently wealthy. Vermonters don't racially discriminate? Vermonters discriminate against candidates with tiny campaign budgets. Excluding them helps big budget candidates to receive more funds, while denying tiny budget candidates access to potential donors.

Are any of the people, in charge of organizations holding candidate forums and debates, Jewish? Some Jews allegedly discriminate against Disabled Vermonters. Some Jewish Doctors, Social Workers, Police, and Housing Authority Administrators allegedly "talk down" to Disabled People even though the Disabled Person may not have a mental disability, and may have cancer, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, or other permanent disease. Disabled Vermonters sometimes complain of being "treated like a child" which is humiliating, demeaning, insulting and discriminatory. Even Adults with mental disabilities, who know perfectly well they suffer a disability, are deeply hurt when they are "talked down to."

Jews often believe in the Old Testament Bible, Leviticus, Chapter 21, Irregularities:

"The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to Aaron and tell him: None of your descendants, of whatever generation, who has any defect shall come forward to offer up the food of his God. Therefore, he who has any of the following defects may not come forward: he who is blind, or lame, or who has any disfigurement or malformation, or a crippled foot or hand, or who is humpbacked or weakly or walled, or who is afflicted with eczema, ringworm or hernia. No descendant of Aaron the priest who has any such defect may draw near to offer up the oblations of the Lord: on account of his defect he may not draw near to offer up the food of his God." We must remind Jews that "Separation of Church and State" includes "Separation of Jewish Synagogue and State." Jews have no right to impose their religious Law of discrimination against Disabled People when they receive state and/or federal funding for Police, Housing Authority, Medicaid, Medicare, and organizations holding candidate debates and forums.

Cris Ericson asks Vermonters to think long and hard about how Disabled People are being discriminated against in Vermont.

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## FOR GOVERNOR

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### Position Statements:

Over 1,000 dams exist in the State of Vermont that are doing nothing.. Where feasible they should be used to generate electricity. By themselves they can not solve our energy problems but it can be part of the solution. They say the heyday of fishing was way back when. Well way back when is when all these dams were operating.

We are able to put men on the moon so why can't we get solar panels on every roof in Vermont? We need a Governor who is going to push the industry to create inexpensive units that can be installed by the home owner. \$700,000,000,000 would have gone a long way towards putting them on every house. That would have been real change!

We need some compromises on windmills. Why not put them down the center of the interstates where there are wind warnings. Supposedly each can power 1,000 homes. So why not have a separate power company for each windmill owned by the people who use the power. Let's face it, if one big company (Exxon/mobile) owns all the wind power in Vermont the price won't be that great BUT with small locally controlled windmills; owners can set the price without worrying about making profits for the corporation.

We need a Governor who is going to do everything he can to entice the electric car industry to make their home in Vermont. Not only would it be a product we are all waiting for but it would bring clean good paying jobs here. As governor I'll do whatever it takes to do that.

We need to push for high mileage cars – in 1986 I owned a 3 cylinder Chevy Sprint that got 60 mpg and would do 70 on the interstate – Where did that technology go?

Taxes are out of control here in Vt., and we still don't seem to have the money to fix our roads and bridges, pay our state payroll, or fund all the social programs. It all comes back to the cost of energy!!!! Not only does blacktop cost more but the people who work for the blacktop company need higher salaries just too not fall even farther and farther behind.

Lastly on the energy topic let me say No nukes are good nukes. Were there no alternative to Nuke power – I would support it BUT there are many alternatives. The day after a meltdown we will all be anti-nuke. Millions will die! Don't tell me something men can build, is fool proof. That is a Titanic lie. Forget accidents; just maybe while we are throwing away billions on TSA to interrogate 80 year old women with fake hips – just maybe terrorists might be planning an attack on a nuke reactor.

Not to mention the waste!!!!!!

Bring back the town doc who sees you for \$25 without an appointment. Lower his malpractice debt – waive his first \$250,000 of Vermont income tax and waive his first \$250,000 of property tax if he works out of his home.

Reopen our rest areas not mansions but 12 by 12 buildings with toilets.

Get rid of milfoil by offering so much a pound for it. Then find a use for it, foil pellets for heat or fertilizer.

Stop building ugly bridges. Let each town build a covered bridge they want to and the state only gets involved to certify that it is safe – then sit back and watch tourism grow.

Change the way we punish people caught with Pot and only pot. Have them pay \$500 an ounce. Under an ounce there is no record kept of any kind. Over an ounce pay the fine and we keep a non criminal record of it. Stop punishing ourselves with the cost of prosecuting and jailing these folks. It is like prohibition – you can't keep something illegal that so many people want to use.

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## FOR GOVERNOR



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Anthony has been a leader and policy advocate on issues of rural development, the environment, health care and economic justice. He understands that small business, the environment, and agriculture are central to Vermont's future. Anthony is the founder of Rural Vermont, served as Senior Policy Advisor to Bernie Sanders, was Director of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and hosted Equal Time Radio.

**Vermont Self-Insurance Plan:** *We need a health care 'system' that includes every Vermonter.* I believe all Vermonters must get the same care, whether employed or not, and everyone should pay according to his/her ability. We must take health care decisions out of the hands of insurance companies and put them back in your hands. We must lower the overall costs of health care. A plan that includes all Vermonters will take the burden off of business, school and town budgets, and will save taxpayers money.

**Putting Vermonters Back to Work:** *It's important that we not just work to strengthen the economy, but to strengthen working families, too.* Why not put Vermonters to work rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges? By closing the capital gains tax loophole, which would result in an estimated 20 million dollars annually for the state, we could do just that. We could invest some of this money in affordable housing, so our workers could afford to live in Vermont again.

**Investing in Vermont's Financial Future:** *We need to start plugging the holes in the leaky bucket of our Vermont economy; too many of our hard earned dollars are going out-of-state. We need to invest in Vermont.* I've proposed the Vermont Credit Card that reinvests a percentage of every purchase in a fund to support local agricultural and renewable energy projects. And the 2% for Vermont Investment Fund, which would be seeded with 2% of the endowments of Vermont public institutions like UVM and Fletcher Allen, to help finance local renewable energy and broadband infrastructure.

**Public Schools: Educating the Next Generation.** Our local schools are the center of our communities. I will end the two-vote mandate for local school budgets and give our schools the flexibility they need to meet the needs of all our kids, with fewer costly mandates.

**The Higher Education Funding Gap:** Vermont is one of five states who currently spends more on corrections than we do on higher education. It's time to make higher learning the priority it should be, so that all Vermonters can afford the education so necessary to be competitive in today's world.

**Agriculture: Let's declare our independence from industrialized food.** I will support local processing of Vermont products and incentives to agricultural development projects. I will advocate for a Vermont Fair Trade Brand Certification program to identify real Vermont products that provide a decent return to farmers. I will push for a real State of Vermont Buy Local program that will bring Vermont products every Vermont school and state institution. I'll work with farmers to extend the growing season. I will engage farmers and all Vermonters in a conversation about agriculture priorities.

**Our Energy Future - Vermont Owned, Efficient & Renewable:** *It's time to take control of our state's energy future.* I'll divide the state into Regional Energy Zones, engage communities in assessing their energy needs, and work to implement projects to increase our energy independence. I'll work to keep Entergy Yankee Nuclear Plant from being relicensed, replacing this power with local renewable energy and efficiency projects. I'll bring together a cabinet-level, working group of renewable energy developers, utilities, economic planners, labor, environment and ratepayers. Money from the 2% for Vermont Investment Fund and local Renewable Bonding Authorities could be used for local renewable energy and efficiency projects.

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## FOR GOVERNOR



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Gaye Symington has served in the Vermont House since 1996 representing Jericho, Underhill and Bolton. She was elected Speaker in 2005 and 2007. As Speaker, Symington led on critical issues like fair school funding, access to healthcare, energy efficiency and growing our rural economy. She also focused on expanding broadband and cell service, and workforce development. Even though it wasn't required, she appointed members of the Republican and Progressive parties to chair committees. She has a career in fiscal management, and holds a bachelors and masters degree. Gaye, her husband and three children live in Jericho.

### Issues

#### **Renewable Energy**

Vermont should be a leader in generating renewable power, but we have fallen behind. I will create clean energy and good jobs at the same time by encouraging wind, solar, hydro, biomass and other technologies. I believe Vermont should get 20% of its electric supply from wind in ten years. I will also create a biomass industry so we can produce more of our own sources of heat, like pellets from trees and grasses, thereby keeping more of our energy dollars circulating in our communities instead of shipping them out of state.

#### **Vermont Yankee**

I'll insist the owners of Vermont Yankee pay the cost of cleaning up so that Vermonters aren't stuck with the potential \$500 million bill. I'll strengthen our negotiating position with Entergy so we'll get the best rate possible. Currently, Entergy knows we have no new power coming on line, giving them a huge bargaining advantage. That's one reason I'll put renewable energy projects on a fast track. We shouldn't continue to rely on an aging nuclear plant for such a large part of our power, so I will transition us away from Vermont Yankee over 5-10 years if it's relicensed.

#### **Access to College**

I will create a new program putting more Vermonters on the path to college. Starting in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students will participate in hands-on learning in science, technology and the arts. Students will earn college credit in high school, receive financial help for the first two years at a Vermont state college, and make connections with employers so they can find a good job.

#### **Improving Health Care**

I will transition our health care system toward a focus on keeping people healthy instead of just treating them when they're sick. I will encourage wellness programs in schools and businesses, and invest in prevention. Another priority is cost control which can be accomplished through expansion of electronic medical records and removing incentives to order unnecessary tests. I will also strive to reduce complexity, paperwork and hassles in our system.

#### **Roads & Bridges**

The declining condition of Vermont's roads and bridges and our substandard rail system are threatening our economy. Simply put, we can't create good jobs with bad roads, bridges and rail lines. It's irresponsible to push the cost of these repairs down the road when they'll be much more expensive to complete. As Governor, I'll stop raids on the transportation fund, explore all options for bonding and use all federal funds available so we can accelerate the pace of repairs. I'll also work to expand public transportation so that Vermonters have more options for getting where they need to go.

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Since returning to Vermont from college and travels abroad Sam Young has been very active in the economic and civic life of his community of Glover. He was involved in the preservation and revival of the **Lake Country Parker Country Store** and adjoining restaurant, **the Parker Pie Co.** which have created jobs for youth, and provides a market for local agriculture. As a web developer and partner at **NEKinfo**, he manages websites for 60 local and national businesses. Sam was elected as a **Justice of the Peace** in 2006.

**Open Government** – We still believe in the democratic principles that founded this state and this nation. In order for us to have a truly democratic society we need to have transparency rather than secrecy in government. Democracy is not static, it is a living body of ideas and requires our participation. If democracy is as defined by our constitution a government- of, by, and for the people then we are no longer living in a democracy. We have allowed it to become controlled exclusively by those with wealth and power and their interests.

**Vermont Self Sufficiency** – We have become very dependent on an economic system that is on the verge of collapse. The age of cheap oil is over and will not return. For Vermont to remain a viable place to live we need to return to our self-sufficient heritage to provide for our needs from our local resources. Unlike many states Vermont **has** the ability to become energy independent. We should also actively promote the development of local systems of food production and storage that will give us a sense of security regardless of what is happening in the nation and the world.

**Education vs. Prisons** –Vermont spends more on prisons than college education. In Georgia all profits from the state lottery allow any high school student with a B average to attend any state college. In Vermont while all profits are supposed to go to the Vermont Education Fund they are routinely diverted. Jim Douglas proposed that we sell the state lottery to a Wall Street firm that was the first to collapse in the economic crisis. Rather than sell off our resources we should use them for their intended purposes and build educational opportunities for young people in the state and develop our future economic base.

**Telecommunications** – Vermont and the United States are falling drastically behind the rest of the world in terms of our telecommunications infrastructure. Building a fiber optic network throughout the state would provide training and job opportunity for Vermonters. This infrastructure is essential for any company in the information sector thinking about locating in Vermont. E-commerce is expected to rise from 175 billion dollars in 2007 to 335 billion by 2012 and Vermont should position itself to capture as much of this wealth as possible. We also need to restore privacy and security for Internet users and prosecute telecom companies who violate the law in this regard.

**War and Peace** – It is time to bring the Vermont National Guard home from Iraq. The Iraq war was based on lies in order to gain control of the oil resources of a sovereign nation. These lies have cost the lives of over 4,000 US military as well as 1,200,000 Iraqis. It would be as if the twice the population of Vermont was killed for the crimes of our leader Jim Douglas. When asked about his support of the Bush administration Douglas claimed that history will decide his legacy. Bush's legacy will be that of a mass murderer and a war criminal. Jim Douglas' legacy will be that of a man who was complicit in these crimes. It is time that we get our own house in order and stop our support for the genocide of foreign peoples.

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## FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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**Biographical Sketch:** Tom was reared with his three brothers in Rutland. He studied at MSJ, Saint Michaels College and Boston University Law School. Tom served with the Marines in Vietnam and earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He returned to Rutland to practice law and serve in the legislature (1976-1980). In 1980, he relocated to Brattleboro, where he opened his law firm and again was a legislator (1994-2000). In the legislature, Tom chaired committees and drafted legislation establishing the Public Service Board, reforming DUI laws and preventing Enron from purchasing Vermont's electrical infrastructure. Tom has a son and a daughter.

### Position Statements:

a. Strengthening Vermont's Economy. The Buy Local movement for Vermont agriculture and the Vermont First campaign to support local commerce are valuable to local agriculture and our downtowns. It is important, however, to recognize that we can't drop out of the regional or global economy. As a state we export dollars for energy, products and basic services. Finding ways for import substitution, especially in generating more clean energy in Vermont, are crucial to our future success, but we also need to have a dynamic export economy to balance our imports today and in the future—we can't have dollars just flowing out of state. And we have major industries—dairy and other agriculture, forest products, environmental products, software, etc—that can produce much more than we can consume at home. We need to avoid pitting one part of Vermont's economy against another—but support the dynamism between sectors.

b. Stopping Sex Offenders. In order to more effectively prosecute child sex offenders the police need tools to complete thorough investigations on every alleged child sex assault. These investigations need to be completed by officers who have been specially trained in this area and are free to concentrate all their efforts at combating this scourge. To that end, I support fully-funded special investigation units in every county of our state (they have already been successful in Chittenden). In addition, I support the establishment of mandatory-minimum sentencing for those who are convicted after a full and fair trial of aggravated sexual assault against young children.

c. Vermont's Changing Energy Infrastructure. Especially in light of the possible decommissioning of Vermont Yankee, the key to changing Vermont's energy infrastructure is the appointment of a knowledgeable commissioner of the Department of Public Service who is fully committed to an energy future based on renewables which will serve the best environmental and economic interests of individual Vermonters and Vermont businesses; and the vigorous pursuit by that Commissioner of this goal. As Lieutenant Governor, I intend to ensure that the commissioner plans wisely and competently for renewable, clean energy that will benefit all Vermonters without raising their costs.

d. Vermont Senior Lien Option (VSLO). We must provide immediate assistance for our seniors who are adversely impacted by the rapidly rising costs of heating oil and other expenditures. As Lieutenant Governor, I will seek to provide immediate relief for these Vermonters through the creation of a Vermont Senior Lien Option (VSLO). This program will allow seniors to defer their property taxes in exchange for a lien on their property. The program will have no adverse impact on the State's finances since the lien will be repaid in full with interest when the elder sells the property, moves out of the property, or passes away.

e. My role as Lieutenant Governor. As Lieutenant Governor, I will be a participant in the Administration and ensure that the Legislature and the Administration work together and achieve the compromises necessary to serve the best interests of Vermonters in these trying times. I do not believe that the office has been used to its full capability. During the current administration, Montpelier has been plagued by finger pointing, political grandstanding, and sheer inertia. I intend to make the role of Lieutenant Governor one of full-time leadership to change the culture in Montpelier so that the focus returns to helping ordinary Vermonters.

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## FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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### **Jobs, economic security and economic opportunity**

Since 2003 I've championed the expansion of the green sector of Vermont's economy (the Green Valley Initiative). I have worked to help Vermont workers compete in the global marketplace and expand their export markets. I've been instrumental in bringing new small businesses to our state. I've helped Vermont employers resolve differences with regulators and move forward, retaining jobs. I helped pass a fair tax on aircraft parts, resulting in new jobs and a multi-year multi-million-dollar contract. I'm absolutely dedicated to helping build a secure and affordable future for all Vermonters.

### **Reducing your tax burden and restraining the growth and reach of government**

At this time when costs are up we need to find ways to bring taxes down. Stemming the growth of property taxes will continue to be a top priority for me. I believe the education finance reform plan passed in the legislature is a good first step that school boards and communities will find helpful as they continue to make local decisions about their schools. I will seek ways to make Government more efficient. We need to reinvent Government and come up with new ways to deliver services to people who depend on these services.

### **Securing an affordable, reliable and clean energy future for our state**

One of the first trips I took as Lieutenant Governor was to Quebec City in 2003. We rekindled relationships with provincial leaders and with top leadership at Hydro Quebec. Today, as our utilities negotiate new contracts, those relationships are strong. We must develop Vermont solutions using wind power, solar, small hydro, biodiesel and biomass. We must press forward with new technologies: cellulosic ethanol, plug-in electric cars and compressed natural gas cars. The bottom line is we should pursue all means to end our dependence on foreign oil and to ensure an affordable, reliable and clean energy portfolio for Vermont's future.

### **Protecting our children and providing them with a first-rate education**

We must do a better job protecting our children. I have spoken out for a Vermont style Jessica's law and civil confinement legislation that would extend prison stays for high-risk offenders who have not successfully completed sex-offender treatment and who have been assessed to be a risk to the public. I've worked to support and stimulate our schools to deliver a first-rate education for Vermont's next generation, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math, in hundreds of school visits around our state, through the Vermont Aerospace and Aviation Association, and by making millions of dollars of engineering design software available for Vermont's students and teachers.

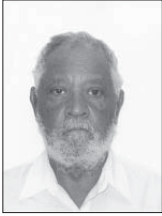
### **Helping seniors continue to contribute in our communities as they age**

In the next twenty years, our over-age-65 population will double in Vermont. This presents us with as much of an opportunity as a challenge. We know we will require many more health care professionals. In response to this need, our Healthy Aging Commission helped create the Center for Aging at the University of Vermont. The center was founded with an initial \$100,000 in state funding which helped secure a generous \$5 million from a private donor. The Healthy Aging Commission is helping in other ways to ensure that more Vermonters can age in better health, with greater independence and dignity.

I look forward to continuing the important work I've started. Thank you for your vote and your support.

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**FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**



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Richard Kemp is a former Burlington City Councilor, Elections Inspector, and Board of Assessors member. He is a retired manager at IBM, a Korean war veteran, and has a history of activism within the labor movement, affordable housing, and the Peace and Justice movement.

Richard serves on the Reparative Justice Panel, the Burlington Community Development Grant Program, and the Vermont Community Loan Fund. He is a board member of the Champlain Housing Trust and of Chittenden County Community Television, where he produces the program Near and Far.

Richard is a past member of United Papermakers and Paperworkers, Local 708, AFL-CIO.

**Position Statement**

My involvement in Vermont has been in a number of areas that effect the lives of people in this state. I serve on non profit boards. The Vermont Community loan fund. This organization invest money. It is used the funds for loans to small business, community facilities, day care and affordable housing.

Champlain housing trust. The mission is to provide perpetual housing in Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties. The have a home ownership center. It help people learn about home buying.

The community justice center in Burlington. Served on a panel of citizens. We dealt with low level crimes, first time offender. The group met to examine the effect of the crime on the community, also had victims as part of the process. What was the effect of the crime on the community. The offender was asked to help restore the harm to the community and had them do some community service.

Offender reentry program. This was a project of the justice center and the department of correction and a panel of citizens. We meet with the offender two time a month with a check on job, housing and life in general.

I will work to bring about economic, social and housing justice to people in the state of Vermont.

Affordable Housing

Livable Wages and Jobs

Health Care for all Vermonters

Safe-Clean Drinking Water

Full funding from Housing and Conservation Fund.

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## FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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Or see me on MySpace at Mitchell for Lt Governor

### Biography

My working life has been in the field of education and disabilities. I worked my way through my undergraduate and master's degrees in various levels of the education system. In an effort to offset my six dollars an hour, no benefits jobs, I took out student loans to help pay my bills. Now I will spend the rest of my life in indentured servitude to VSAC. I comfort myself by knowing that most working Vermonters have been forced to go into crippling debt to survive here.

### Position Statements

#### **Socialized Medicine**

The reality with US healthcare is that we spend twice as much as any other G7 country and we are the only ones who don't cover everyone. Socialized medicine would cut the cost in half. It would make our companies more competitive with those who do not have to pay for healthcare. Our property taxes would go down because we would not have to pay for teacher's healthcare. The only ones who benefit from the current system are the insurance companies skimming 100% off the top.

#### **Socialized Energy**

Liberty Union calls for the seizure of VT Yankee Nuclear Plant through eminent domain. It seems idiotic that our energy policy is first and foremost dedicated to ensuring that a few greedy individuals get to make a profit. Green Valley Corporations gets cheap electricity and schools get to pay top dollar. In Venezuela gas is around 15 cents a gallon and the money goes to healthcare and education. As we approach the end of oil in 2030, we need to invest in a post oil infrastructure – small farms and cottage industries. In the mean time we need solar panels or windmills on every building in the state by 2020

#### **Socialized Finance**

Finance, insurance and real-estate are all one thing. We send the monthly payments and we feel like we have some form of security. Recently they ganged up and looted the equity of the middle class, and we now get the pleasure of paying for it. Wall Street represents massed capital totaling 1000 percent of the gross domestic product. All that money and what does it do? Create jobs? Build infrastructure? No... it is like a giant casino for people who couldn't make themselves a sandwich if they had a diagram.

#### **End the War on Drugs**

We are using the criminal system to deal with a medical issue. I do not see any benefit in throwing people struggling with addiction into a population that will provide little help for the core problem and in most cases drives inmates to become more violent. If we were to focus on the problem of addiction, we could provide treatment that would be much less expensive and significantly improve the outcome. With the savings, we could focus our corrections budget on protecting society from those who are truly dangerous.

#### **Money in Politics**

It should be illegal to contribute money to political candidates. As a candidate for Lt Governor, I can qualify for public financing, once I raise “no less than \$17,500.00 collected from no fewer than 750 qualified individual contributors making a contribution of no more than \$50.00 each.” So even if I try to use the public financing, I need to raise enough money, that I would already be beholden to the organization that helps me raise the money.

#### **Instant-runoff Voting**

With Instant-runoff Voting people select first, second and even third choices and choices, so that candidate will not win until he or she gets a majority of votes. In the current system, socialist voters are sometimes reluctant to choose their first choice because they do not want to elect the Republican. With instant runoff we would see a better picture of voter's true wishes.

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## FOR STATE TREASURER



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### Biographical Sketch:

I am an artist and art educator. I have been a member of the Liberty Union party since 1970 because the Liberty Union platform, arrived at through a continuing process of thoughtful deliberation, agreed upon by consensus, articulates principles that I can stand on. Choosing to be a candidate for public office is the least cynical thing I can do under current circumstances. I am a candidate for Vermont State Treasurer to offer voters an opportunity to express support for a socialist alternative.

### Position Statement:

If this were a time of peace, as treasurer for the State of Vermont, responsible for the management of the state's pension funds and other money which the state holds in trust for its citizens, I would institute investment policies which strictly support a mandate assuring that "the wealth and resources of the world will be used to provide a materially secure life for all, simultaneously preserving the planet and its resources for future generations." In other words, the state's money would be invested exclusively in "green" funds and, to the greatest extent possible, invested in Vermont. But this is a time of war; an unconstitutional, illegal war which has and will continue for the foreseeable future to undermine or scaffold--depending upon your point of view--every financial decision we make. In this time of war, the state of Vermont actually has no treasury, no funds to manage or hold in trust for the current or future benefit of its citizens. Our financial security has been mortgaged to this war, and those which will undoubtedly come, as long as the powers-that-be continue to reign. Assurances to the contrary are an illusion.

Meanwhile, we have the energy needs of our population to provide for in such a way that the decommissioning of that patently unsafe, actually unclean, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Vernon can go ahead on schedule in 2012. If we had money to invest, it should be towards this end; to create real alternatives to nuclear power and fossil fuel that are affordable to all.

We have a diverse physical landscape to care for and manage from the perspective of Permaculture; put to thoughtfully considered use that produces optimal economic benefit to all who live here now and those who will come after us. We have the resource of the young people of our state to invest in; their vision, insight, energy, and creative imagination. We must provide education through college and socialized medical care in order that they may secure socially productive and personally satisfying work here in Vermont; a level of living which generates a real sense of security.

## FOR STATE TREASURER



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Don Schramm is currently the General Manager of Data Systems, a Burlington-based, employee-owned software development company, and a founder of the Vermont Software Developers Alliance. Don helped create Vermont's first urban cohousing community - Burlington CoHousing East Village. Don served on Burlington's Electric Commission, Public Works Commission, and Board of Health, and as President of the Onion River Co-Op. In earlier years Don taught at Johnson State College, managed a 142 acre farm in Fairfield, and worked as a carpenter and general contractor. He is married to Barbara Nolfi, has four grown children and five grandchildren.

Don believes that the Treasurer's office can take a more active role in investing in Vermont. State funds should be more heavily invested in organizations such as the Vermont Community Loan Fund, co-housing projects, CSAs, and food co-ops. These investments can yield returns while also helping to strengthen our communities. The Treasurer's office should take the lead in developing a Vermont Credit Card, where fees are controlled for merchants and interest payments are used to support investment in Vermont businesses and infrastructure.

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**FOR STATE TREASURER**

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**Biographical Sketch:** Jeb Spaulding was first elected State Treasurer in 2002. He is President Elect of the National Association of State Treasurers and a member of the Investor Network on Climate Risk. Spaulding served eight terms in the Vermont Senate and chaired the Appropriations Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Education Committee. Jeb was a co-founder and General Manager of WNCS-FM and a partner in Precision Media, Inc. In addition, he served as Director of Career and Workforce Development at the Vermont Department of Education, Director of the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology, and was an adjunct instructor at Norwich University. He has served as a board member for many community service organizations. Spaulding is a graduate of the University of Vermont (B.A., 1975; M.Ed., 1993). Jeb is married to Susan Morse Spaulding. They have two grown daughters.

**Position Statement:**

My highest priority as State Treasurer is to protect and strengthen Vermont’s financial future. In a nutshell, my office serves as the State’s banker and chief investment officer, responsible for the receipt and disbursement of public funds, short and long-term debt management, investment of state funds, administration of three retirement systems and pension funds, collecting and returning unclaimed financial property to rightful owners, improving the financial literacy of Vermonters, and advising state policymakers on various fiscal policy issues.

The Office of the State Treasurer handles money that belongs to all the citizens of Vermont. I am committed to managing your money honestly, efficiently, and professionally, and to maintaining Vermont’s hard-earned reputation as a fiscally sound and disciplined state.

A sample of accomplishments of which I am most proud as your State Treasurer include:

- Working collaboratively to pass legislation that recalibrates retirement benefits for state employees and saves taxpayers more than \$250 million over the next thirty years.
- Leading the successful effort to get funding for the Vermont State Teachers’ Retirement System back on track after years of underfunding threatened the integrity of our teachers’ retirement plan and the wallets of Vermont taxpayers.
- Creating a unified investment process for Vermont’s three state-level pension funds that over time will save millions in money manger fees and improve investment returns.
- Investing more state funds within Vermont through such initiatives as our *Bank in Vermont* program, which invests State short-term funds in Vermont Banks through a competitive Internet bidding process at very attractive rates.
- Supporting a fantastic staff that is dedicated to offering the best possible customer service, giving Vermont taxpayers an excellent value, and making integrity our foremost core value.
- Raising awareness in the corporate world regarding the concerns large investors have about global warming, through participation in the Investor Network on Climate Change and the Global Warming Shareholders Campaign.
- Updating Vermont’s unclaimed property law, simplifying the claims process, and expanding outreach efforts, helping my office reunite a record number of Vermonters with millions of dollars from lost financial properties.
- Working in a cooperative fashion with the Governor’s Office and State Auditor’s Office to improve financial reporting and internal controls, something that has been very well received by the financial community.

If reelected as State Treasurer, I will work hard to:

- Counter the negative consequences of global financial and economic turmoil.
- Produce continuous improvement in treasury fundamentals.
- Maintain Vermont’s excellent credit/bond rating.
- Protect the pension plans for teachers, state employees, and municipal employees.
- Create avenues to improve retirement security for all Vermonters.
- Advocate for fiscally responsible and sustainable spending and financial practices.
- Leverage State assets to encourage responsible corporate citizenship.
- Seek opportunities to invest State assets in Vermont to support community and economic development when returns are competitive, taking into account risk and safety concerns.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as Vermont’s State Treasurer. I welcome your input, questions, concerns, and suggestions. Feel free to contact me at home (802-229-8216) or at my office (802-828-1452).

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## FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



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### **Bio!**

Mr. Bifano served as Marine where he learned electronic technology. He obtained a BS in Marketing Management combining both to create innovative products, ways to do things, worked to create new organizations and fix dysfunctional ones at Citibank, ADP, MasterCard, IBM.

He has also served as a Mayor, Fire and Police Commissioner, Firefighter, Fire Officer and EMT/Crew Chief in his town where he reduced cost and improved services. He is a member of the Warren FD, MRVAS and the Sugarbush Patrol.

Married for 36 years to Nancy a retired teacher, lives in Warren and has two adult children.

### **Position!**

I am leaving my retirement job as a Sugarbush Patroller in an effort to take the reins of the Office of Secretary of State to fix the myriad of inefficiencies and bring it to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Voter Checklist is in disarray with about 2,000 names of active voters could vote in two or more towns. Many the fields used to tell the difference are blank. This is coupled with a lack of a system and desire to detect voter fraud. There's no record of "Voter Fraud in Vermont," said the Secretary of State. Well of course not, if ones not looking for it, or refuses to act on anecdotal information indicating there is. Our sacred right to vote is in jeopardy.

Campaign finance is also is disarray with the State getting an "F" in campaign finance from an independent watchdog group – we're rated 40th out of the 50 United State. An areas we're rate poorly is access to campaign finance information – a travesty of Vermont's tradition of open government.

The system the Feds gave us \$16MM to build, the Voter Checklist is ineffective and would fail the 1<sup>st</sup> time "Same Day Voter Registration would be tried – creating more mayhem to the mayhem in progress.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice cited Vermont as having more registered voters then the census allows for.

Managing campaign finance reporting is cumbersome and costly to all parties, with candidate and state officials laboring through manual processes. This can be simplified, less costly and more effective with an on-line system to mange campaigns and their finances.

Motor-Voter doesn't work well, as reported by a number of Town Clerks where voters are not registered, or Canadians are registered. Voters are note registered because forms that are filled out incorrectly are shredded by DMV, the voter is not notified – instruction from the Sec. of State's office.

Two simple solutions and one long term one. A better partnership with DMV and oversight at DMV is essential. Defective forms should be corrected at DMV or forwarded to the Town Clerks for corrections. A long-term solution is a direct system connection to DMV to get the information electronically.

With over 40 years of managing technology and business effectively I believe I am very qualified to remedy these problems. I have a vision to modernize the Office of Secretary of State too meet the Governor's and the legislature's vision of Vermont being the leading E-State by:

- Eliminating the 2000 faulty entries
- Building an effective system that will not permit duplicate records, with capabilities to electronically connect to other systems to register voters and help eliminate the possibility of voter Fraud which does exist.
- Connecting to fraud databases, and to Social Security to do name and address checks
- Connecting to Dept. of Health's death registry to automate this function
- Connecting to other state voter registration systems to prevent cross border voting
- Create an on-line candidate and campaign system similar to on-line banking with easy to follow instructions on how to run for office.

It is disheartening that government agencies and some groups treat our valuable right to vote so matter-of-factly, while others would like to manipulate it to achieve political goals. This cannot continue to persist and must be stopped to protect us all.

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## FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



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**Biographical Sketch:** Deb Markowitz was first elected Secretary of State in 1998. She graduated from the University of Vermont and Georgetown University Law Center (magna cum laude). Deb clerked for the Vermont Supreme Court, practiced law with Langrock, Sperry and Wool and was the founding director of VLCT's Municipal Law Center. Deb is recognized nationally for her leadership. She was elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of State; appointed to the Board of Advisors of the Elections Assistance Commission; and was awarded a prestigious Aspen Institute Rodel Fellowship. Deb lives in Montpelier with her husband and their three children.

**Position Statements:** It has been an honor to serve as Vermont's Secretary of State. During the past ten years I have worked hard to make government work for Vermont taxpayers. With the help of committed staff and a great management team here are some of our accomplishments:

**We make it easy to do business in Vermont.** Our corporate division is known as one of the best in the nation. We allow on-line corporate and LLC renewals and make available on our website everything needed to start or expand a business, all for free, eliminating the fees businesses used to pay for the same information. We also know how important it is to recognize the businesses and nonprofits that contribute to our communities, which is why we started the Centennial Award Program to honor Vermont's oldest businesses and nonprofits.

**We protect consumers of professional services.** We regulate 43 different professions. Our staff works hard to ensure that the rules governing Vermont's professionals are clear and appropriate and we quickly and effectively remove from practice those who are incompetent or unethical. Cases no longer linger, unresolved, for years.

**Vermont's elections run smoothly and fairly.** I am proud of the nonpartisan job our Elections Division does running Vermont's elections. We implemented an ambitious election reform agenda that included widespread voter education and outreach programs. The result of these programs is impressive. In 2006 we had a record turnout with 20 percent voting early or by mail.

**Citizens and local officials have a place to come for answers.** One of the things I like best about being Secretary of State is helping Vermont's local officials and citizens navigate our laws and regulations. I answer calls and e-mails every day on topics of open government and municipal law, and thousands of local officials subscribe to our monthly newsletter, "Opinions." Many others take advantage of our educational seminars and handbooks on such topics as property tax appeals and the open meeting law.

**Vermont children are learning how important it is to be part of our democracy.** Getting children interested in our democracy is an important investment in Vermont's future, which is why we have developed resources to help Vermont's educators teach civics to our children. Schools across Vermont participate in our mock election program, Vermont Votes for Kids, and our booklets on Town Meeting and How a Bill Becomes Law teach students about our democratic institutions and the importance of voting. Our interactive, state of the art website for kids receives thousands of visitors every month, and tens of thousands of children learn about Vermont using our booklet Vermont History, Facts and Fun.

**We ensure government accountability.** We have strengthened the Vermont's State Archives and Records Administration to ensure that our government is transparent and accountable into the future. In the coming year we will be building a new State Archives and Research facility to ensure that Vermont's most important records are preserved for use by future generations.

**Our state of the art website receives over 90,000 visitors every month.** The Secretary of State office's website is regularly mentioned as one of most comprehensive and easy-to-use government websites in the nation.

I am proud of my record as Secretary of State. I look forward to continuing to make the Secretary of State's Office work for all Vermonters.

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FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



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Position Statement:

The office of Secretary of State is incredibly important. This official can act as a bulwark of our democracy or, as we have seen in recent years, can act to undermine public confidence in our democratic systems. The Secretary of State’s Office is often regarded as carrying out a mere custodial function, managing government records, corporations, professions, elections, and other boring but necessary aspects of state governmental activities, and many Secretaries of State have managed the Office in just that narrow bureaucratic manner. But the Secretary of State is in the unique position to recommend and initiate policy changes to strengthen democracy in this state instead of acceding to the forces that would weaken it.

Rather than recommending the elimination of opportunities for public participation in the political process, the Secretary of State should be making proposals to eliminate barriers to participation, to encourage engagement in the political and electoral process, and provide access to information to allow that involvement to be well informed. Instead of proposing the elimination of primary elections because of low turnout the Secretary should be taking steps to enhance voter participation. Instead of obsessing about, minor discrepancies on the statewide voter check list and non-existent voter fraud, the Secretary should be promoting steps to make voting easier by campaigning for same-day registration. Instead of requiring candidates to have their petitions checked by every town clerk in the state, the Secretary of State should be proposing changes to the law to use the statewide checklist to make ballot access easier.

The Secretary should also be promoting an electoral system that reflects the actual desires of the electorate. In recent years, Vermont’s current electoral procedures have produced candidates who “won” with the support of only a minority of the voters. The instant runoff voting system would obviate this problem make sure that the successful candidate had the support of a majority of the electorate. The Secretary of State should be campaigning for the implementation of IRV for all statewide offices, as recommended by the Vermont Commission to Study Preference Voting nearly ten years ago.

The Secretary should be assisting the school systems around the state with civic education and encourage them to implement civic participation programs similar to the community service programs that many schools now require.

Since an informed citizenry is necessary for a vibrant democracy, the Secretary of State should be constantly improving the accessibility of public information. Even a Secretary with the most narrow and limited view of the scope of the office will have to take action to update the antiquated search engines for the corporations and lobbyist databases and make campaign finance filings and other important information sources publicly available in searchable electronic form in a timely manner.

Can these tasks be accomplished? Previous and current incumbents, whose parties have benefitted from the status quo, have no real incentive to make these changes. The current system has worked for them, even if it has not worked for all Vermonters. It is time to elect a candidate who is not beholden to bi-partisan business as usual. “A new broom sweeps clean.” Let’s have a clean sweep. Vote Progressive for a unconditional democracy.

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## FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS



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### Biographical information:

Martha Abbott was born in Burlington, Vermont. She is a multi-generation Vermonter and lives in Underhill.

Martha graduated from Burlington High School and from the University of Vermont. In 1982, she co-founded Independent Tax Service, one of the larger tax preparation firms in the state.

Martha served on the Burlington City Council from 1994-1998 where she initiated an overhaul of the city assessors office, chaired a task force on Violence Against Women and represented the City at the UN Conference Global Warming in Kyoto, Japan. As a result of her leadership, Burlington adopted goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions

For the past 7 years, Martha has chaired the Progressive Party which has grown to be a major party and a respected force in Vermont politics.

### Statement on Issues

#### Role of the Auditor:

As your State Auditor, I will take an active role on behalf of Vermont's taxpayers. I want to know what we are getting for our money. Is it being spent wisely? In addition to balancing the books, what are the goals of the programs we are spending our money on? Where are we meeting those goals? Where are we falling short? I will reinstitute the process of actively reviewing programs on behalf of taxpayers. I will also speak out on issues that are of concern to Vermont Taxpayers.

#### The Economy:

As we watch the economy melt down around us as a result of greed and corruption on Wall Street and in Washington, it is clear that Vermonters have always valued self-sufficiency and thrift. As a state, we must stop moving in the direction of dependency on imports and exports and return to a focus on providing goods and services to markets right here in Vermont. Local food and local energy production will cut the high cost of import transportation and help us to thrive economically.

#### Economic Development

In 4 years, the Administration in Montpelier has spent an average of \$54,000 of tax money on job creation for every new job created ! In recent years, the State has been spending roughly \$40 million on Economic Development. We spend millions of dollars in tax credits and other promotions each year trying to attract the next huge corporation to Vermont. Research has shown that this approach is not effective. Why not spend our economic development dollars on the small Vermont based businesses that create most of the new jobs? These funds could also be used to preserve our agricultural economy, farms and the rural businesses that serve farms.

#### Tax System:

On \$40,000 of wages earned, a single person pays \$3400 more in State and Federal Income tax than someone who sells stock and has a gain of \$40,000. This system is unfair to working people. We must fix our tax system so that the middle class, working and self employed people are not paying MORE than investors. As State Auditor I will continue to speak out about this and to be a resource to the Legislature as they embark on revising our property tax/income tax system. Having owned and operated a Tax Business for 24 years, I have the experience to be a resource in this process.

#### Agriculture:

Vermont is a special place because of our farms. But our farmers can't pay the bills with the view. Vermont's landscape is a priceless resource for all Vermonters and for the Vermont economy. We must act now and take strong enough measures to save our remaining dairy farms. As your State Auditor, I would review the State's purchasing policies to determine how much of the dairy and other food that is bought for cafeterias and institutions (Colleges, prisons, etc.) currently comes from Vermont farms. The slogan says "Buy Vermont First" and we must practice what we preach.

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## FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS



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Tom Salmon is a CPA and a native Vermonter who holds the values and interests of Vermonters close to his heart. As Vermont's Auditor Tom has worked tirelessly to reform government operations and uncover and prevent government waste and fraud. As Auditor, Tom Salmon has followed through on his commitment to work closely with municipalities and other government organizations to foster clarity and predictability in government finances and has saved the state millions of dollars. Tom believes that service to others is a life-long duty. Tom Salmon's deployment overseas is only one example of his extraordinary commitment to public service.

### **KEY ISSUES**

#### ***Making Audits of Vermont State Government More Efficient and Effective***

One important function of the Auditor's Office is to oversee the State's Basic Financial Statements which cover approximately \$4.2 billion. An unqualified opinion and a timely audit help Vermont maintain its strong bond rating, which reduces costs for annual capital bond issues. This audit is also extremely important because Vermont receives over \$1.2 billion in federal funds, and each year the State's compliance with federal rules and regulations connected to these funds is audited. Under Tom Salmon's leadership, his staff has given sustained attention to reducing the number of repeat audit findings that have plagued State agencies for years and reduced the number of serious audit findings related to federal funds from **36** to **3**.

#### ***Strengthening Key Reports & Reviews***

Another important part of the Auditor's job is to ensure that periodic reports and reviews are conducted to ensure that Vermonter's tax dollars are being spent in the way they were intended and in the most cost-effective way possible. For example, the Auditor's report on the first year of the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive program, which authorized \$9.7 million in incentives to businesses, found the program to be in general compliance with state law but also found that policy changes in how awards are calculated could save the state millions of dollars.

#### ***Providing Financial Training***

An essential part of producing clear and predictable financial disclosures and avoiding fraud and waste in government is ensuring that those who are responsible for financial reporting are well trained and aware of the accounting and legal rules applicable to such disclosures. As part of his education and communication efforts, Tom Salmon has worked with local finance officials to start a Vermont Municipal Advisory Commission to plan and conduct seminars for local financial staff and other local officials about ways to improve financial systems and procedures. This group is now working in an advisory capacity to identify training needs and link up with other organizations to provide that training.

#### ***Public Policy***

Tom Salmon believes the Auditor's Office should not just be a reactive force in State Government, but should be proactive in exploring and analyzing public policies that will create greater efficiencies in government and a better quality of life for all Vermonters. To this end, Tom Salmon coordinated an effort to assist the Dept. of Public Service in analyzing aspects of the Entergy/Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Fund; he keeps a close eye on legislation and meets with various legislative committees to discuss potential risks and the fiscal impacts of pending legislation; and he has met with State and federal officials to discuss concerns with escalating gas and oil prices and their impact on the state budget, as well as other issues such as credit card transaction fee increases affecting small businesses, dropout prevention programs, workforce development needs, long-term energy planning, tax policy and other matters. As State Auditor, Tom is concerned about long-term revenue and expense trends that can impact Vermont's economy and the range of services provided by government to Vermonters.

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## FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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**Bio:**

I'm an author and attorney with strong experience in exposing injustice and fighting for the rights of citizens.

\* I helped sue one of the worst polluters of the country, Du Pont Company, in federal court;

\* I've written extensively on the role of Big Oil in destroying the lands and lives of people in the U.S., the Middle East and Latin America;

\* I sued the Vermont Office of Child Support for negligence for delaying child support payments for years, then trying to prevent my client from obtaining her records.

For more on my service to families, women and working people, please see my website.

Position Statement

My race for the Attorney General is the culmination of 30 years of investigative journalism and 11 years of practicing law, mostly as a personal injury attorney. My focus as Attorney General will be to vigorously protect the people of Vermont from wrongdoers, while just as vigorously pursuing the wrongdoers and holding them accountable for their actions. For example:

\* I will take a far more active role than the incumbent in addressing the health and safety concerns of Vermonters about the re-licensing of Vermont Yankee in 2012. This is a catastrophe waiting to happen, and we've had all the warning signs to suggest that re-licensing is a very bad idea.

\* I'll call for new whistleblower legislation that will protect employees from retaliatory firings;

\* I'll pursue predatory lenders in the state while trying to help foreclosed homeowners find ways to keep their homes.

\* I'll propose changes in our sex offender laws, but only after reading recommendations, to be published October 16<sup>th</sup>, from the Senate Judiciary Committee, which held several weeks of hearings following Brooke Bennett's tragic death. Victims and victims' advocates, members of the legal and law enforcement communities, supporters of children's rights and Brooke Bennett's mother all gave differing views, but on one thing they --and I agree --: police and prosecutors need better tools for catching the offenders. As a former president of the Franklin County Family Center, I support the UVM-based Strategic Plan for Comprehensive Sexual Violence Prevention aimed at educating our communities, our families, our leaders and our media about how to stop sexual violence.

\* I will prosecute George Bush for murder in Vermont. I will appoint the legendary Vincent Bugliosi as my Special Prosecutor and will raise additional funds to help with the prosecution. We'll prove that Bush had the requisite intent to order 150,000 soldiers (including Vermont soldiers) into harm's way in Iraq under false pretenses, without regard for the consequences and with indifference to human life.

The incumbent Attorney General argues that Vermont does not have jurisdiction, and that my race is merely about "throwing issues out there" without "trying to seek justice." He is legally incorrect (see my website), and he greatly underestimates the seriousness of Mr. Bush's offense and my resolve to bring Bush to justice and uphold the rule of law. Many agree.

As noted by the Boston Review of Books: "We have a President and VP who, according to all available evidence, have carried out grave crimes. Will these two men leave office and live out their lives without any legal proceedings?' ...It is only by addressing the crimes through legal instruments -- through a formal legal arena -- that the grave and widespread damage stands a chance of being repaired."

And Lawrence Velvel, Dean of the Massachusetts School of Law: "Murder statutes exempt no one. Nor is the President above the law. ...The need to use state murder statutes to punish presidential murder has now arisen, lest Bush and company get away with serious crimes...Vermont has jurisdiction to punish Bush's crimes when the federal government won't, and when the federal government has become precisely the kind of 'consolidated monster' so greatly feared by the men who wrote and ratified the Constitution 220 years ago."

If you believe in accountability, democracy, and preservation of the rule of law, please vote for me.

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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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An Outsider With a Conscience
Article 4 of the Vermont State Constitution

Every person within this state ought to find a certain remedy, by having recourse to the laws, for all injuries or wrongs which one may receive in person, property or character; every person ought to obtain right and justice, freely, and without being obliged to purchase it; completely and without any denial; promptly and without delay; conformability to the laws.

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My name will appear on the November ballot as a candidate for State Attorney General. I am a member of Veterans for Peace. I support the VFP position on the prosecution of George W. Bush.

I have been a legal advocate for children for more than 30 years. I will serve the people first - the government second.

In order to better serve the will of the people, citizen discussions on the following topics should be facilitated.

- 1. Should the possession of small amounts of marijuana be decriminalized? Does Senate bill S. 238 go far enough? Would decriminalization free up valuable State resources that could be used for the prosecution of violent offenders?
2. Should the State encourage the cultivation of hemp for industrial use?
3. Should the Office of Vermont Attorney General be abolished? Criminal cases are already being handled by State Attorneys within each county. Civil cases could be handled by Vermont Law firms.

Below is a partial list of problems that exist in the office of Attorney General.

PROBLEM - The influence of money in the court system. Buying testimony is a common courtroom tactic.

SOLUTION - Jurors should always be told when testimony is paid for. Expert Witnesses are often referred to as 'Liars for Hire'.

PROBLEM - Lack of respect for truth and justice.

SOLUTION - AG staff, and other officers of the court, should not game the system. Sometimes winning is not everything. Truth and justice should have a place in the court system - even in an adversarial court system.

PROBLEM - The 'frivolous defense' of the State in cases where the facts are apparent and the State is clearly at fault. This practice wastes taxpayer money.

SOLUTION - Settle cases in a fair and timely manner.

PROBLEM - Lack of respect for citizens, young and old, rich and poor. An elderly Manchester couple is quoted as saying that they were appalled at the way that the State treated them and that no citizen should ever have to go through what they did. The Manchester couple had been 'almost killed' by a State truck. (See Tateosian v Vermont) Many citizens have had similar experiences.

SOLUTION - Inform AG staff that all citizens are to be treated with respect. Any staff not sharing that view should seek a career change.

PROBLEM - Cronyism: Vermont has a very influential 'ol' boys network'.

SOLUTION - Voters should understand the undo influence of the Party system and never vote for an Incumbent. That will have the added benefit of instant term limits.

Where there is no justice, nothing else matters.

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I am a republican / libertarian

I am seeking the office of attorney general of Vermont

BSCE from UVM, MSEL from VLS, JD from VLS, postdoctoral studies at Strauss Institute of Pepperdine University School of Law, studied for LLM at Nottingham University in Human Rights and International Law, work in international law & serve as moot court judge for VLS.

Positions:

The 21st century requires using science to solve and prove crimes were committed by accused, hence I seek a centrally located crime lab staffed by scientists & scientifically trained investigators. We have too many unsolved crimes in Vermont and currently only 40% of sex crimes tried result in convictions.

I want fewer than 97% of criminal cases plea bargained because it may send the innocent to prison and not punish the guilty for their real crimes.

I want pedophiles in particular and sex offenders in general off the streets. The safety of the children is paramount.

I will adhere to the Oath of Allegiance and actually protect the Vermont constitution and government thereof, unlike our incumbent that failed to defend our cherished right to keep and bear arms when the question presented in the US Supreme Court case DC v. Heller concerned whether the right was an individual one as our constitution states or a collective one.

I would not change the test for admissibility of prior convictions from balancing prejudice versus probativity. A judge can best determine if there is a pattern that needs to bring in prior bad acts.

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## FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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### Biographical Sketch

Attorney General since May of 1997, Burlington native Bill Sorrell graduated from Notre Dame and Cornell Law School. He served as Chittenden County State's Attorney two different times, separated by nearly eleven years of private law practice in a Burlington law firm. He was Secretary of Administration under Governor Howard Dean from 1992 until he became Attorney General. Bill successfully stood for election from 1998 through 2006. He has served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and in 2003 received the prestigious Kelley Wyman Award, given to the nation's outstanding attorney general. He is immediate past chair of the board of the American Legacy Foundation. Bill lives in Burlington and has a daughter and son in college.

### Position Statement

The most important function of the Attorney General's office is to work competently, energetically, and in a non-partisan manner to protect the health and safety of Vermonters and to competently represent the State in our courts. Such work will provide benefits in many areas, including environmental, civil rights, antitrust, consumer protection, and criminal law enforcement.

I very much appreciate the support I have received from so many Vermonters during these last eleven and one half years. If the voters reelect me, my pledge is to continue along the path we have been on during my term in office.

### Important Issues

In the **criminal** area, we should strengthen and change our laws and procedures in the wake of the tragic Brooke Bennett murder to better protect Vermonters from sexual violence and sexual abuse. We need to redouble our efforts to combat the scourge of domestic violence in our homes and we should work even harder to make the online world safer for our youth.

In the area of **consumer protection**, we should continue enforcement actions against individuals and companies for allegedly fraudulent conduct ranging from charitable solicitation drives to sweepstakes operations to home repair scams. There should be continuing emphasis on consumer education, trying to prevent Vermonters, particularly our seniors, from falling prey to scam artists working through the mails, over the telephone, or door-to-door. We should also continue our efforts to fight price fixing and other anticompetitive behaviors by large corporations.

Our continuing vigilance against the tobacco industry is important as are my ongoing efforts to assure the responsible use of the tens of millions of dollars paid and owing to the State from the 1998 settlement with the tobacco companies.

As for **environmental protection**, we should continue our efforts both within Vermont and nationally to clean up our air and water and to combat global warming. Hopefully we will have an EPA in Washington that we can work with and not have to sue to force it to do its job to better protect our natural resources.

Looking to the future and the continually increasing ease of gathering and communicating personal information about individuals, **personal privacy issues** will become more and more important in this state and this country. I will continue to play a lead role in the public policy and legislative debates as these topics are addressed.

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Jerry Levy earned his academic degrees in New York and Illinois and has worked and lived in Southern Vermont for more than 30 years. A long-time member of the Liberty Union Party, he is also the Co-Chair of the National Committee of the Socialist Party USA. He is a Professor of Sociology, an author, and among his numerous talents, a Thespian. He continues to perform "Marx in Soho" by Howard Zinn to benefit peace and social justice organizations; his performances have been given on three continents.

**VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS**

Any U.S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of his or her choice into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted an application before the deadline for applications: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist today. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a sworn affidavit and then add your name to the checklist or explain why not.

If the presiding officer cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day OR you may choose to vote a provisional ballot.

**CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you will be given a ballot to vote in federal races only in Vermont. You must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you properly submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how to find out if your ballot was counted by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 one week after the election.

If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official to help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

Call the Elections Division  
Office of the Vermont Secretary of State  
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683)  
(Accessible by TDD)

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated,** you may call the Elections Division at 80-439-8683 or (802) 828-2464. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

**If you believe that you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process,** you may report this to your local United State's Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process,** you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

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## VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

- You have the right to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, live in Vermont, are 18 years old and have registered.
- You have the right to vote if you are homeless.
- You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony, even while you are incarcerated.
- You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
- You have the right to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- You have the right to know if you are registered to vote.
- You have the right to ask for help from elections officials or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.
- You have the right to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- You have the right to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- You have the right to vote for the person you want. You can write-in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.
- You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- You have the right to use a voting system for all federal elections that makes it possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- You have the right to get a "provisional ballot" if you are told you are not registered to vote and you cannot swear or affirm that you submitted an application to register to vote in Vermont before the deadline.
- You have the right to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot," was accepted for counting.
- You have the right to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.
- Call toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-439-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.
- Visit our Voters Website at [www.govotevermont.com](http://www.govotevermont.com)

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