

WASHINGTON-CHITTENDEN DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE
BOLTON, BUELS GORE, HUNTINGTON & WATERBURY

Washington-Chittenden Democratic District Committee
c/o Liz Schlegel, Chair
12 Winooski Street
Waterbury VT 05676

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of the State of Vermont
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

September 29, 2015

Dear Governor Shumlin:

It is with great pride in our District, in our process, and in our applicants, that the Washington-Chittenden District Committee, representing the communities of Bolton, Buels Gore, Huntington and Waterbury, provides you with this recommendation to fill the open seat vacated by Representative Rebecca Ellis.

We were saddened to lose Rebecca Ellis, who served this district very well since 2011. We recognize the strengths and commitment she brings to the Department of Environmental Conservation and indeed, to the entire state of Vermont, and wish her the very best in her new role. She left us with the challenge of finding a new Democrat to represent our mountain district in Montpelier.

Over the past two months, we have convened a combined Democratic District Committee to establish a formal application process, solicit and review applications and interview five qualified candidates. This committee, which included representatives from the three largest district towns (Bolton, Huntington and Waterbury), has worked very hard to identify three candidates whom we think are best qualified to represent this district as a Democrat in the House.

Pursuant to Vermont Statute 17 V.S.A. § 2623 and at your request, the District Committee puts forward for your consideration the names of David Clark of Huntington, Amanda McKay of Bolton, and Theresa Wood of Waterbury.

These individuals bring diversity of age, experience, and town, but share a strong commitment to Democratic values, public service and representing the values of our entire district. We believe each has the skills and talents to effectively represent all the citizens of Bolton, Buels Gore, Huntington and Waterbury while working closely with the senior member from the district, Representative Tom Stevens.

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David Clark brings an incredible understanding of the issues facing Vermont and a stellar track record of decades of public service. **Amanda McKay**, with an equal commitment to Democratic issues and values, will put her youth and enthusiasm to work not only in serving the citizens, but in getting elected in 2016. And **Theresa Wood**, a lifelong Waterbury resident, comes later to being a Democrat but brings with her a long history of serving the community and a commitment to our shared values.

We appreciate that we are giving you a difficult choice, since these are three very talented people. We are delighted that we had such an excellent slate of candidates from which to choose and particularly proud that we have representation on our list from three of the four communities in the district.

We know that you will choose wisely and well. We wish you the best of luck with your selection process; please know that I, or any member of the committee, will be available for further discussion if it would be useful to you.

Thank you for your service to Vermont. We appreciate the leadership you have brought to the state.

Yours sincerely,



Liz Schlegel

Chair, Washington-Chittenden Democratic District Committee

cc: Representative Tom Stevens

cc: District Committee Members

Josh Arneson, Bolton

Andrew Pond, Bolton

Lindsay Deslauriers, Huntington

Judy Barker, Waterbury

Robert Dostis, Waterbury

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