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Secretary Condos Issues Statement on President Trump Firing DHS CISA Director Chris Krebs by Tweet

Montpelier, VT – On Tuesday, November 17th President Donald Trump [fired](#) Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS CISA) Director Chris Krebs because he repudiated the baseless claims, misinformation, and conspiracy theories made by the President and others about the integrity of the 2020 General Election.

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has issued the following statement in response.

"Chris Krebs is a patriot who has served with integrity and distinction, working across party lines to defend our democracy and protect the security and sanctity of our elections.

He has worked hard to improve relations between DHS CISA and Secretaries of State, is well respected in the election administration community by Democrats, Republicans and Independents, and has made CISA a valuable partner in our shared non-partisan mission of protecting election integrity.

It is a dark day for government integrity when the President of this country fires civil servants for adhering to the truth while doing their job for the American people. We have enough work on our hands fighting disinformation campaigns by foreign governments attacking the integrity of our elections: we should not have to fight those same battles within our own government."

Chris Krebs has been praised by both Democrats and Republicans, including [Senator Richard Burr \(R-NC\)](#) and [Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson \(D-MI\)](#).

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