



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Vermont State House

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Pamela Gardner
649 marble Island Road
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Dear Pamela:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office. I appreciate you sharing your views on gun control laws and the security concerns that arose last month after the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

In Vermont, there is no requirement for the possession of a permit to conceal or open carry a firearm. This raises concerns and particularly for large gatherings such as protests. I share your concerns.

I am deeply committed to elevating the voices of Vermonters and I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office again.

I wish you good health as we work together to ensure Vermont recovers stronger from this pandemic and we restore faith in the promise and essentialness of good government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly R. Gray".

Molly R. Gray
Lieutenant Governor of Vermont

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Congratulations, Lieutenant Governor I write with deep concern about the ability of protesters to carry weapons. I understand the right of Vermonters to carry weapons, including guns. I do not understand why peaceful protesters (admittedly that's what protesters should be) are allowed to carry weapons while protesting. Aren't protesters required to file a request/application to conduct a protest? Aren't there some limits to where they can protest? not in the streets to obstruct traffic? not on hospital access routes? etc. Why, on this God's earth would anyone think it's a good idea to carry weapons into a protest, and therefore, why is it not restricted. PLEASE consider the danger that weapons in a protest are, to fellow peaceful protesters, to the public, and to law enforcement, and discuss with legal counsel and fellow legislators, instituting restrictions against guns in protests. Thank you and God bless.