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## **Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos Speaks at National Election Summit**

*Montpelier, VT* – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos will be delivering the welcoming remarks for the annual Elections Summit held by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in Washington, D.C. today, starting at 9:30am.

“With the 2020 election right around the corner, I’m excited to be joining with the EAC, and with state and local officials from around the country, to discuss how we’re all working to prepare for and secure our elections,” said Secretary Condos. “Our fair and free elections are the foundation of our democracy. While election preparedness is a year-round job, there are lessons we can all learn from each other every day to improve the ongoing accessibility and security of our elections.”

The EAC is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with ensuring secure, accurate and accessible elections by developing guidance for states, distributing election funding, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration, among other functions.

“The EAC has been a tremendous partner to states in our work administering elections to our residents,” said Secretary Condos. “The rapid rate at which the EAC was able to get the 2018 HAVA funding appropriated by Congress out the door and into the hands of state election officials was a tremendous accomplishment. Vermont has been able to use these funds to further secure our election systems, implement a fully ADA-compliant, universal design accessible voting system, and begin planning for replacement of Vermont’s tabulators, showing the importance of this funding, and of the EAC.”

Secretary Condos will be delivering open remarks for the EAC Elections Summit alongside EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick and Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin.

A full list of speakers and presenters can be found on the EAC’s website, [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov). The event can be livestreamed at <https://www.eac.gov/video-player-2020-elections-summit>. The Secretary’s opening remarks begin at 9:30am.

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