

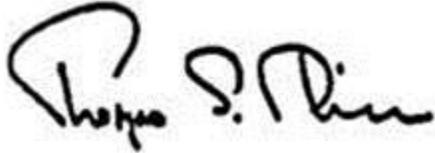
Dear Ms. Wilson:

Laura Zeisel from our Court has forwarded your note of this morning to me. Please pass on my thanks to Representative Grad for extending this invitation to us.

I regret that we are unable to attend this afternoon's testimony as today I am working out of the Newfane courthouse and Judge Walsh and Ms. Zeisel are working out of the Costello Courthouse in Burlington. I will be in Montpelier tomorrow for meetings at the Vermont Supreme Court and would be happy to make myself available, if Representative Grad wishes. I look forward to learning of Mr. Adler's proposals and the concerns to which he is responding.

Please let me know how I or Judge Walsh may be of assistance in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Durkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Thomas S. Durkin, Judge
Vermont Superior Court - Environmental Division
Costello Courthouse