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Lt. Governor Phil Scott issued the following statement in response to Governor Peter Shumlin's 'State of the State' address:

"I agree wholeheartedly with the Governor that drug abuse - and prevention, enforcement, treatment and recovery - is a critical issue in our state that we must address. I look forward to working with him and the legislature on creative solutions to this growing problem. The Governor also mentioned that creating jobs and opportunity is the best prevention. I completely agree, but I'm concerned that there was no mention of a plan or strategy on that front. Since being elected to public office, I've been talking about the need to grow the economy, creating an environment that is conducive to growth, and making it easier for people to do business in Vermont. I'm concerned that we have created a lot of uncertainty on a number of issues - health care, property tax increases, employer mandates and other government regulations - some of which are making it harder, not easier, to do business in Vermont.

"I want to once again challenge every legislator and the Governor to think about their decisions on each and every piece of legislation this session through this lens: How will it impact business and economic growth in Vermont?"

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