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Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos Attends National Association of Secretaries of State Winter Conference and Meets with Top Department of Homeland Security Officials

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos and Deputy Secretary Chris Winters travelled to D.C. this past weekend to attend the annual National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) 2018 Winter Conference. They joined 34 other Secretaries of State and Lieutenant Governors, 300 senior state government staff, and private sector representatives for workshops and discussions around cyber security, voter participation, business registration, election auditing and a number of other important topics.

Founded in 1904, NASS is the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional organization for public officials. Membership is open to the 50 states, the District of Columbia and all U.S. Territories.

Secretary Condos serves on the NASS Executive Board as President-elect, and will be sworn in as President in July. Previously he served as the Executive Board Treasurer.

"The Annual NASS conference is always a great opportunity to connect with fellow Secretaries of State and senior government staff to share best practices, and work together in a bipartisan way to improve how our governments serve citizens" said Secretary Condos. "In addition to this year's important focus on topics like voter participation, election auditing and business registration, we had the opportunity to attend classified briefings on cyber security and elections with top ranking officials in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"Ensuring that our elections are protected from interference by foreign actors is top priority for my office, and for the offices of Secretaries around the country" continued Secretary Condos. "Effective communication from DHS, and collaboration between our offices, will be critical to ensuring state election officials are supported and prepared with adequate information to take protective measures against any foreign adversary intent to interfere with our elections."

In addition, NASS members voted to pass a number of resolutions, including [a resolution in support of self-determination and equality for Puerto Rico](#), and [attendees honored the Little Rock Nine](#) at a moving ceremony where they were awarded the 2017 Margaret Chase Smith award for political courage.

You can find more information on the NASS 2018 Winter Conference, and a full list of speakers by visiting: <http://www.nass.org/node/1333>.

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