



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE ~~LIEUTENANT~~ GOVERNOR

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Senator John Campbell
Senate President *Pro Tempore*

Dear Senator Campbell:

It has just now come to my attention that we expect to have a vacancy in the court system this afternoon. I feel we must fill this vacancy immediately, and that the carriage of justice in Vermont may be harmed if we wait to fill this post until Governor Shumlin returns to the state.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me under 3 VSA, section 1(b), I hereby exercise my responsibility as acting Governor and appoint you to fill the vacancy, effective at 2:45 pm today.

Since you will have thereby vacated the position of Senate President *Pro Tempore*, I will promote Senator Dick Mazza to that role.

Just kidding.

Sincerely,