

Dear Senator White:

I hope this finds you and yours well.

It has come to my attention that your committee will be taking testimony from a select group on the authority to fill vacancies on school boards this afternoon; I sincerely hope there will be an opportunity for people with a differing perspective to testify on this at some point in time.

For just a little bit about me, I was a school board member for 20 years, serving as chair of the Wallingford Elementary and Rutland South Supervisory Union Boards for much of that time, as well as a term as president of the Vermont School Boards Association when what became Act 46 was being crafted. I drafted the original resolutions to shift authority to fill vacancies on school boards that became Act 32 in 2005 and Act 49 in 2017. Attached please find a commentary of mine published in the Rutland Herald on Wednesday of this week in response to a piece from Lynn Edmunds the day before.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your service to the people of Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

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