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**Gov. Shumlin Statement on Tragic Death of Two Vermonters in N.H. Circus Tent Collapse**

**MONTPELIER** – Gov. Peter Shumlin issued the following statement after New Hampshire authorities identified the two individuals killed in yesterday’s tent collapse in Lancaster, N.H., as Robert Young, 41, and his daughter Annabelle, 8, of Concord, Vermont. The tent collapsed after severe weather moved quickly through the area Monday evening. Gov. Shumlin has been in contact with N.H. Gov. Maggie Hassan.

“This is incredibly heartbreaking news. As the father of two daughters I can’t imagine the pain and grief that this tragedy has caused the family, friends, and loved ones of these two Vermonters. I’ve asked Vermont Emergency Management officials to provide assistance and crisis counseling to the Concord community and those affected by this horrible situation. In Vermont we have strong communities, and we’re going to need that strength in the coming days as we grapple with this tragedy. In times like these we’re reminded how important it is to tell our friends, family, and loved ones that we love them each and every day. I join all Vermonters in holding my family a little closer tonight and keeping those who knew these two Vermonters in my thoughts.”

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