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**Statement of Lt. Governor Molly Gray on the 2022 State of the State**

**Montpelier, Vt.** — This afternoon, Lt. Governor Gray released the following statement in response to Governor Scott's 2022 State of the State address:

“Over the last 7 months, I spent a day per week in a different county in our state meeting directly with Vermonters. Vermonters spoke, and I listened. When it comes to this pandemic and a stronger recovery we must be laser focused on the most pressing needs of Vermonters.

In November, I shared a [Recover Stronger Agenda for Vermont](#) with the Governor and legislative leaders. I'm glad to see some of the priorities outlined in my report included in today's State of the State: workforce development, affordable housing, accessible and affordable child care, adequate mental health and support services, and universal access to broadband.

At no time in our history has Vermont been so well positioned to make historically significant investments in our infrastructure and working families.

Working together, we can provide families the resources and support they need to not only survive but thrive. We can also make investments in infrastructure that will have a lasting effect on future generations. We must be united in swift action to provide the framework and assistance necessary for all Vermonters to be healthy, safe, and secure. I will continue to work to elevate the voices of Vermonters I've met with and heard from statewide and to urge focused and cooperative action.”

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