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Dear Peter:

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on your new position at Vermont Public Radio.

Spending most of my life in Washington County, I've been reading your articles in the Times Argus for years. From the very beginning you established yourself as a fair and balanced reporter, and a very curious one at that. Your State House coverage for the Vermont Press Bureau has, I believe, made the often-confusing inner workings of this building accessible to the average Vermonter. At the same time, you don't "dumb down" your stories or sacrifice covering many real (if not as headline-grabbing) issues, which proves that you take your duties as a journalist very seriously. Thanks to the tireless work, research and dedication you bring to your craft, you're well-liked and trusted by countless Vermonters, myself included.

Vermont Public Radio is lucky to have you joining the team, and I am personally very glad that you're staying here in Vermont; we would sorely miss your coverage if you left us for another state. Congratulations again, and I look forward to working with you in your new role. See you soon in the State House!

Sincerely,

Phil Scott