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The Honorable Governor Peter Shumlin
109 State Street, Pavilion
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Dear Governor Shumlin,

It is with great sadness that I am offering my resignation from the Vermont State Senate, effective January 10, 2012.

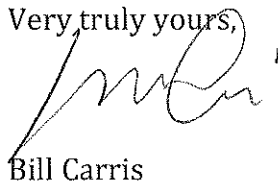
Since the election I have struggled about my future in the Senate. As you know I have had a significant back problem for a number of years, a condition that was aggravated when I fractured my ankle in 2010. For the past two years, I have undergone surgery, intense therapy, and rehabilitation that I strongly believed would have allowed me to return to my duties in the Senate for the 2013-2014 legislative session.

As time has passed my condition remains the same. After consulting with my physicians and family over the past several weeks I have concluded that my return to the Senate would come with physical limitations that would prevent me from fully discharging my duties representing my constituents, my county, and my state.

It is impossible to express how great a privilege and honor it has been to have represented the people of Rutland County. It has been a highlight of my life.

I want to thank you for your friendship, support, and leadership. It has been wonderful working with you and my Senate colleagues. I will miss that closeness.

Very truly yours,



Bill Carris

cc. Senator John Campbell, Pro Temp
Secretary of The Senate John Bloomer