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PRESS RELEASE

Secretary of State Jim Condos Selected to Speak at National Meeting Protecting Voter Rights

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos has been selected to speak on Dec 11 at the 2015 Council of State Governments National Conference. He will highlight best practices and discuss Vermont’s recent successful technological improvements to assist overseas and military voters in exercising their constitutional right to register and vote in state and federal elections.

“Ensuring and expanding the ability of our military and overseas voters to exercise their right to participate in the voting process has long been a concern of mine,” Secretary Condos stated.

This session will explain how CSG, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program, is helping to improve the U.S. military and overseas voting process through the CSG Overseas Voting Initiative.

Secretary Condos will describe how Vermont’s newly implemented elections management system will improve the voting experience of our military and overseas voters by allowing them to register to vote and request and track the status of their absentee ballot online.

In response to the committee’s work and having been selected to speak, Secretary Condos commented, “As Secretary of State, I have worked with Vermont legislators to improve our process. With new and successful technology improvements, Vermont is leading the way. I am honored to be able to share the Vermont experience with others on the national stage.”

Secretary Condos has served on CSG National Policy Overseas Voting Initiative for the past year and has been proud to bring Vermont’s voice, best practices and initiatives to the table.

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