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Mr. David Sunderland
Chairman, Vermont Republican Party
P.O. Box 70
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Dear Mr. Sunderland,

The Secretary of State's office is entrusted with the integrity of our electoral process and I take that responsibility seriously. During my entire tenure, I have advocated and strongly believe in transparency in government.

Because of this, even the appearance of bias is something I am concerned about, which is why I had already addressed this more than a week ago when it was first brought to my attention. I am confident that he will continue to perform his job in a dedicated and fair manner, as he always has.

A simple contact by you before sending out this letter would have made you aware of my actions.

Contrary to your premise, the employee in question is not the Director of Municipal Elections. He is an elections administrator with no policy making authority.

I would invite you or anyone else to pick up the phone and call me if ever there is an allegation of impropriety in how our elections are administered.

Let me be clear: I have the utmost confidence that my elections staff works tirelessly to serve all Vermonters. They treat every person they interact with fairly and respectfully, helping hundreds of Vermonters every week. I am proud of our elections team and am excited about the work they have been doing to upgrade our elections systems to protect and preserve the integrity of elections.

Sincerely,

Jim Condos



