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**Lt. Governor Phil Scott Issues Statement on Q Burke**

Lt. Governor Phil Scott today issued the following statement on recent developments with the Q Burke project:

"First and foremost I am concerned about the hundreds of workers and their economic security. The Northeast Kingdom has relied heavily on the jobs created by this development. If the rumors have validity and should the project fail to move forward this will be devastating to the workers, their families, the community and many businesses in the region. I've reached out to the Northeast Kingdom's Senate delegation and will be working closely with them on this ongoing matter.

"I don't have all of the details before me; very few of us do, but I look forward to obtaining the real, uncensored facts. It is imperative we determine all laws have been followed, as there appears to be a significant lack of oversight on this project. We need immediate answers to some basic questions, such as: How was this allowed to deteriorate to the point it is now, what went wrong at Q Burke, and what steps, if any, did the Administration take to prevent this from happening? This is obviously very troubling at a time when faith and trust in government is at an all-time low. We should be taking steps to restore Vermonters' confidence in elected officials and state government. Therefore, we must demand full transparency as details unfold, learn from this and assure Vermonters it will not happen again in order to give Vermonters a clear reason to trust the integrity of their government."

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