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**Secretary of State Jim Condos Issues Statement Rebuking the President's Tweet
Calling for Delay of the November General Election**

Montpelier, VT – Today Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos issued the following statement rebuking a tweet made by President Trump calling for a delay to the November General Election.

“As Vermont’s Chief Election Official, I want to be clear: The President does not have the authority to change or delay the election.

This isn’t partisan. This isn’t political. This is about the very foundation of democracy: our right to vote.

The Constitution is clear and sets the determination of dates for the election to be held. The President cannot delay democracy just because holding an election is politically inconvenient for him.

The President’s rhetoric on delaying the election is not just absurd, it’s dangerous.

The true voter fraud is to deny any eligible voter their right to cast a ballot.

It is my job to make sure Vermonters’ voting rights are protected, and I take that job seriously. Vermont voters should be assured that they will be able to have their voices heard on or before November 3rd, because we have taken the steps necessary to ensure a safe, fair, accessible, and secure election.

Despite the President’s persistent attacks on our electoral process, the General Election will proceed as scheduled.

Whether voting early in person, voting by mail, or voting at the polls, the ballot looks the same. Voting by mail has been proven to be a simple, safe, and secure method voters can use to exercise their right to vote.

Non-partisan studies have shown time and time again that widespread voter fraud, including vote by mail fraud, is a myth.

If the President wants to understand firsthand the integrity and security surrounding our elections, I recommend that he sign up to be a volunteer election worker in Vermont. We’re happy to give him a crash course in democracy.”

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