

Vermont General Election 2004

Statewide Candidate Information Publication

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Election Day is November 2

- You can vote before November 2, 2004 by requesting an early voter absentee ballot from your town clerk or by going to your town clerk's office to cast your vote. Call your town clerk for additional information or call the Elections Division of the Secretary of State at (800) 439-8683.
- On Election Day, November 2, 2004, all polling places will open between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and all polls close at 7 p.m.
- You can check the posted warnings in your town, call your town clerk to find out when your polling place opens and to check polling place locations, or look at the list of polling places on the Elections Division website at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>.

REMEMBER YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION 2004 SAMPLE BALLOT

If you vote on a ballot counted by a voting machine, vote on both sides of the ballot.
Also, in all towns, you will vote for candidates for Justices of the Peace.

You may view a sample ballot from our website.

Authorization for this Publication

This publication has been produced and distributed by the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State as directed by the Legislature in 17 V.S.A. § 2810. A key element of democracy is the informed participation of potential voters. This publication will provide you with a non-partisan presentation of candidates who submitted information to our office. (Some candidates did not submit information.)

All candidate information was prepared and submitted to us by the candidates. To ensure fairness, our office developed specifications for the presentation. Each candidate was invited by a letter to submit a photograph, a biographical sketch not to exceed 100 words, and position statements on up to five issues of the candidate's choice not to exceed a total of 550 words. The content has not been edited or changed by our office. However, we have formatted each presentation to provide uniformity of type and page layout.

We received submissions from 35 candidates; two candidates did not respond to the invitation to submit information. For those candidates, we have included addresses and phone numbers.

The statute requires that we state which candidates have accepted public financing. Under Vermont law, only candidates for governor and lieutenant governor can seek public campaign finance grants. One candidate, Steve Hingtgen, accepted public financing for the 2004 election.

Distribution of this Publication

Copies of this publication are available in all town offices and at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies of this publication have also been inserted in most daily newspapers throughout the State of Vermont between Oct. 23 and Nov. 1.

We thank the following newspapers for their kind support in distributing this publication:

- Burlington Free Press
- County Courier
- Newport Daily Express
- Rutland Herald
- Times Argus

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS

Any U.S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of his or her choice (except employer or union representative) into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted an application before the deadline for applications: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist today. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a sworn affidavit and then add your name to the checklist or explain why not.

If the presiding officer cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day OR you may choose to vote a provisional ballot.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT: If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you will be given a ballot to vote in federal races only in Vermont. You must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you properly submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how to find out if your ballot was counted by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 one week after the election.

If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official to help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

Call the Elections Division, Office of the Vermont Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683)
(Accessible by TDD)

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If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683 or (802) 828-2464. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United State's Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name: MICHAEL BADNARIK
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Biographical sketch:

I was born August 1, 1954 in Hammond, Indiana. My parents John and Elaine still live in Indiana in a house they built when I was a toddler. My two younger brothers, Chuck and Steve, live in the Midwest.

I attended the University of Indiana-Bloomington before going to work as a computer programmer in the nuclear power and defense industries. I am now an independent consultant. I also teach an 8-hour course on the Constitution to audiences around the country.

I received the Libertarian Party's 2004 presidential nomination at our national convention in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 30th, 2004.

Position statement:

George W. Bush and John Kerry both support the war in Iraq. They both oppose gun rights. They both supported the PATRIOT Act. They both support the war on drugs. They both support confiscatory taxation. They both support ruinous levels of spending, huge deficits and increasing debt.

You can't change these policies by voting for either "old party" candidate. That's why I'm running for President.

If we leave Iraq now, bad things will happen and people will get killed. But if we stay, bad things will happen to Americans and more American kids will get killed. The proper role of the United States government is to protect American lives and property, not to squander both on adventures abroad. We can bring the troops home safely in ninety days. Voting for me is the only way to show you want a quick end to this war. Our military dollars should be spent strictly on truly defending our own country.

Both Bush and Kerry talk about tax cuts. Both also advocate new spending programs. Barring some secret plan for someone to cover our federal spending, there can be no increase in spending without higher taxes. We're already running a huge deficit. We need straight talk on taxes and spending. Your elected officials need to be more frugal with your money. That's why I'm running for President.

Our drug laws are based on the belief that with enough money and firepower, we can eradicate drug use – but we haven't even been able to stop it in our own prisons. Our current policy has brought to America drive-by shootings, "meth" labs in our neighborhoods and pushers in our kids' schools. I DO NOT advocate the use of drugs, but the "War on Drugs" is clearly a case where the "cure" is worse than the disease. We need to change those policies. That's why I'm running for President.

Libertarians believe that individuals should be able to live their lives as they please, as long as they do not cause harm to others. People should be held accountable for their actions, and the government should intervene only to defend the rights of harmed individuals. We also feel that government officials should be held to the same standards as the rest of us, and should even set the example by behaving in an exemplary manner – rather than so often acting "above the law."

Democrats and even (so-called "conservative") Republicans have mortgaged your children's and grandchildren's futures with empty promises for you today, as a ruse to get elected and re-elected. Send them a message that *enough is enough* and you don't like the direction our country is going – farther and farther from the core tenets on which this great nation was founded.

The most important thing you can do to build a better future for America is to vote for an alternative to today's "lesser of two evils" political system. There is no law that says that we must have a two-party system, and yet the two major parties have done their best to keep out any competition.

If you really want change – where public "servants" know who they work for – vote your conscience, and vote Libertarian.

If I am your President I won't forget who I work for!

I appreciate your time and consideration.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name: GEORGE W. BUSH
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Biographical Sketch:

I grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. In 1968, I graduated from Yale University and served in the Texas Air National Guard. After earning an MBA, I began a career in the energy business and later served as managing general partner of the Texas Rangers. I was proud to become the first Governor in Texas history to be elected to consecutive four-year terms. On January 20, 2001, I had the honor of being sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States. For nearly 27 years I've been married to Laura Welch Bush. We have two daughters, Barbara and Jenna.

Position Statement:

We have rallied the world to defeat terrorists abroad and strengthened our laws to protect Americans at home. Tax relief for families and small businesses has spurred our economy to its fastest growth in nearly 20 years. Schools are improving with higher standards, strong accountability, and local control. And prescription drug coverage is helping older Americans pay for their medicines.

During the next four years, we will spread opportunity and prosperity to every part of America and continue to lead the cause of freedom and peace in the world. We will ensure every American who wants a job can find one by keeping taxes low, making regulation of small businesses more reasonable, opening up foreign markets, and reducing junk lawsuits. We will pass a comprehensive energy plan to make America more energy independent. We will help more Americans get job training at community colleges for jobs of the future. We will make health care more affordable and accessible. We will usher in a new era of ownership – with an agenda to help families save, build, and invest so every person owns a part of the American Dream. And every day I am President, I will stand with the men and women of our military, law enforcement, and first responders as we defend the homeland, defeat terrorists, and help bring peace, freedom, and security around the world.

I have a positive and optimistic agenda for America, and I would be grateful for your vote.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name: RÓGER CALERO
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Biographical Sketch:

Róger Calero, 35, is associate editor of the Spanish-language magazine *Perspectiva Mundial* and a staff writer for the *Militant*. Working as a meatpacker in the Midwest in the 1990s, Calero participated in a ground-breaking union organizing drive at Dakota Premium Foods in South St. Paul, Minnesota. Immigrant and native-born workers came together to bring the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 789 into that plant. More recently, Calero joined efforts to expand labor solidarity with the United Mine Workers of America strike by 75 coal miners fighting for union recognition and safe working conditions in Utah.

Position Statement:

What the SWP stands and fights for:

Support workers' right to organize unions and to defend themselves from the bosses' assaults. Defend the labor movement from the continuing offensive by the employers and their twin parties of capitalism—the Democrats and Republicans. For the formation of a labor party, based on the trade unions, that fights in the interests of working people.

Support the efforts of the power-poor semicolonial countries to acquire and develop the energy sources necessary to expand electrification, a prerequisite for economic and social advances. Expose the drive by Washington and its allies to prevent the nations oppressed by imperialism from developing the sources of energy they need, including nuclear power, to bring much of humanity out of darkness.

For the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of U.S. and other imperialist troops from Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, Korea, Haiti, Colombia, and Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

For a massive federally funded public works program to put millions to work at union scale.

For the extension of social security to cover universal, federally funded, lifetime health care for all.

Defend and extend affirmative action in employment, education, and housing.

Fight cop brutality, abolish the death penalty.

Defend a woman's right to choose abortion!

End Washington's economic war against Cuba! Hands off Venezuela!

Stop farm foreclosures! Government funded cheap credit for working farmers and price supports to cover production costs.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name: JOHN KERRY
Party Affiliation: Democratic

Contact Information:

For Information, go to <http://www.JohnKerry.com>.
Also contact your State Democratic Party at 802-264-1820. The Vermont Democratic Party, 101 Cherry Street, Suite 210, Burlington, VT 05401



Biographical Sketch:

John F. Kerry was born on December 11, 1943 at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Colorado. He was raised Catholic by his parents, Richard and Rosemary. After graduating from Yale, he volunteered to serve in Vietnam. His leadership, courage, and sacrifice earned him a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with Combat V, and three Purple Hearts. In Massachusetts he became a respected prosecutor, and in 1982, he was elected Lt. Governor. Two years later he was elected to the U.S. Senate. Senator Kerry performed ground-breaking work on the Iran-Contra scandal and served on the Foreign Relations Committee for 19 years.

Position Statements:

John Kerry and John Edwards are running to make America stronger at home and more respected in the world. They will stand up for the values that have always made America great: faith and family, strength and service, responsibility and opportunity for all. They have a plan to create good-paying jobs at home and keep them here. They want to let families get ahead in an America where the middle class is growing, not being squeezed. They are fighting to make health care a right for all Americans. They have a plan to make this nation independent from Middle East oil. And they believe that we must modernize and strengthen America's military, defeat global terrorism, and lead a new era of alliances - so young Americans are never put in harm's way because we insisted on going it alone.

John Kerry and John Edwards want to build an America that fulfills our promise as a people and a nation. But today, this administration says this is the best economy of our lifetime. They say this is the best we can do. They have even called us pessimists. Well, as John Kerry says, the most pessimistic thing you can say is that America cannot do better.

John Kerry and John Edwards are running to make real their shared vision of America - a vision rooted in two lifetimes of service and strength, of standing up for their fellow Americans. Serving in Vietnam, John Kerry learned that in war, as in peace, we must help our fellow citizens when they falter and fall behind. In the courtroom and the Senate, John Edwards fought to help people who deserved a better life.

Above all, as fathers, both John Kerry and John Edwards learned how important it is for a family to have health care and for children to have a good education. And they believe that your family's health care is just as important as any politician's in Washington, DC.

John Kerry and John Edwards know that we are a country of the future. We are a country of optimists. We are the can-do people. And we just need to believe in ourselves. We can let America be America again.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name:
Presidential Candidate: **RALPH NADER**
Vice Presidential Candidate: Peter Miguel Camejo

Party Affiliation: Independent

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Voters can contact the Nader/Camejo 2004 Campaign by visiting <http://www.VoteNader.org>, calling 202-265-4000 or faxing 202-265-0092.

Biographical Sketch:

For more than four decades, Ralph Nader has saved lives, opened minds, implemented solutions, and inspired citizens to building a better world. He has organized more than 100 civic organizations, authored countless books and publications, and perhaps more than any other person has defined our understanding of the American ideals of democracy, civic duty, and participation for the public good, rather than dominance by corporate powers. Known for his ethics, integrity and independence, Nader is recognized world-wide for putting democracy to work. Nader seeks to end the daily abuses suffered by ordinary Americans by corrupt corporations and indifferent bureaucracies.

Position Statements:

Independent candidates Ralph Nader and Peter Miguel Camejo urge a rapid, responsible withdrawal from Iraq. We seek an end of corporate control of government and a government that is truly "of, by and for the people." Nader-Camejo seeks to shift the power to workers, consumers and tax payers and put the necessities of people before corporations.

Nader-Camejo advocate for health care for all now, a living wage for all full time workers and their family, authentic consumer protection, environmental protection, labor law reform, a jobs program to rebuild U.S. infrastructure, ending poverty, an energy policy that breaks U.S. addiction to fossil and nuclear energy and creates jobs building sustainable clean energy as well as efficient buildings and motor vehicles. They support education, from pre-school through college, affordable for all Americans including the development of civic skills as part of the curriculum. They protect the Constitution by repealing the Patriot Act, ending the failed drug war and restoring justice.

Regarding taxation, Nader-Cajemo would shift the burden from work to wealth (e.g., a small, indeed tiny ¼ penny, tax on stock, currency and bond transaction would raise hundreds of billions of dollars annually) and to things we like least, e.g. pollution, gambling, addictive industries and stock speculation more than things we like, e.g. food, books, clothing. Nader-Camejo would also end corporate welfare which costs hundreds of billions annually. In addition, Nader-Camejo would cut the bloated and redundant military budget which makes up half of the federal government's current operating expenditures.

Nader-Camejo seeks to wage peace not just prepare for war. They are seeking a peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, pressing for arms control and nuclear disarmament worldwide, stopping support of dictators and oligarchs and advancing human rights and social and economic justice.

For more than four decades, Ralph Nader and Peter Miguel Camejo have saved lives, opened minds, implemented solutions, and inspired citizens to building a better world. Ralph Nader is best known as a consumer advocate who has stood up for the underdog against corporate interests. Peter Miguel Camejo has fought for justice and equal rights for over four decades. He marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama, is active in the peace movement and has become a leader in the socially responsible investing – ensuring that investments work for environmental protection, workers rights and oppose militarism. They have tirelessly worked for justice for all and are known for their ethics, integrity and independence. Nader-Camejo urge voters to vote their needs not their fears and declare productive independence from the two corporate political parties.

FOR PRESIDENT



Candidate Name: JOHN PARKER -President
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Biographical Sketch:

John Parker, Workers World Party's Presidential candidate, is on the ballot in Vermont as Liberty Union. At age 18, he organized his first union election—at a small New Jersey steel plant. An African American and former teacher, he lives in Los Angeles with his family. A founder of the local ANSWER chapter, he has helped organize and chair many rallies opposing the U.S. war in Iraq. He is a Los Angeles coordinator of the International Action Center and Million Worker March. He mobilized support for 80,000 low-wage grocery workers on strike against California food chains.

Position Statements:

Bring all the troops home from Iraq now! No more GI or Iraqi deaths. End occupations in Iraq, Haiti, Palestine, Afghanistan; no U.S. intervention in Latin America, Asia or Africa. Hold officials accountable for Iraqi prisoner torture. Mandate oil corporations pay to rebuild Iraq's healthcare, housing and sanitation. End U.S. aid to Israel—used to assault Palestinian families. Independence for Puerto Rico.

Fund human needs, not war! Use the \$442 military budget (2005) for social services here—to rebuild the cities, provide housing, healthcare, food, and education.

No New Draft; Increase all benefits for veterans and GIs.

End the "economic draft" by providing education, jobs, job training for youth.

Our environment before profits Vermont Yankee needs Public Control

If it turns a profit, no matter what the damage to our planet, it must be done. That's the view of corporate owners who over-fish our oceans, destroy our ozone layer, animal species and forests, and pollute our food and water. Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant is plagued with dangerous mishaps. This year two fuel rods from the plant vanished, cracks were found inside plant facilities, and a fire broke out. If the people of Vermont took over control of the plant from its owner Entergy, more responsible management of the plant would be possible since the public would make safety—rather than profit—a priority.

Union jobs or guaranteed income for all. Raise the minimum wage to \$15.

Every worker has the right to join a union and have a job with healthcare, pensions, and one-month vacations. Workers and communities should have veto power over corporate decisions, and be able to "open the books," occupy and take-over companies declaring lay-offs, plant closings, or bankruptcies.

The "jobless recovery" is a sham—the rich owners benefit while workers suffer. Declare a national jobs emergency and moratorium on layoffs; require corporations to rehire workers. Tax big business to provide wages for the unemployed and underemployed.

Create massive public works programs to build and staff hospitals, schools, community, youth, and daycare centers.

Free, Universal Health Care:

Health care is a right, yet 45 million people in the U.S., don't have medical insurance. Set up a government-run national health care system. Mandate that wealthy pharmaceutical companies fund a worldwide campaign to conquer AIDS and distribute HIV/AIDS medications at low or no-cost.

End racism, police brutality and the death penalty. Jobs and education for youth, not jails!

Racism should be outlawed. Empower community organizations and labor unions to stop discrimination in hiring, housing, etc. Affirmative action in education and jobs. End racial profiling, unequal sentencing, and for-profit prison labor. U.S. prisons hold 2.1 million people, 68% people of color. Stop disenfranchising people of color.

Stop discrimination against the lesbian/gay/bi/trans community

Full rights, including marriage, child custody, adoption, and all benefits.

All women have the right to choose!

Guarantee reproductive rights—legal abortion, birth control, with healthcare, jobs, equal pay, childcare, and all social programs needed to raise healthy children.

Overturn the Patriot Act.

End repressive laws; guarantee civil liberties for all and the right to protest unjust policies.

Full rights for all immigrants; no discrimination

End harassment and detention of all immigrants; ensure decent jobs, healthcare, education.

Build a people's movement—independent of the two big business parties which can't solve the economic crisis, joblessness, or hunger.

FOR U.S. SENATOR



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Paralegal Diploma in Corporate Law from Professional Career Development Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, 1996.
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Additional undergraduate credits from Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont 1970-1972.

Published legal battles in Federal Jurisdiction: On WESTLAW Cite as: WL 1998 547085 S.D.N.Y.:

Federal Register, April 15, 1997 EPA Response to Citizen Petition against Lead Azide.
Musician & Artist. Widow, no children: Single & Looking for musicians to jam with in my large, clean BUT COOL basement.

Position Statements:

ISSUE # 1 LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Lake Champlain is losing its quality of water fast and it's time to take federal action to save it.

The U.S.A. is running out of safe drinking water. We need to start protecting Lake Champlain more like a water reservoir. We need to OUT LAW MOTOR BOATS ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN. Motor boats drip oil and gas and those substances leak lead into the lake which is harmful to children's minds.

It's intimidating and frustrating and dangerous for Vermonters in canoes and kayaks and rafts and sailboats to keep afloat with all the noisy motorboats zooming around, bullying everyone else. We could make a fortune as a world class one of a kind tourist resort if we outlaw motor boats and provide the quiet and true sportsman-ship vacationers from all over the world really want. Motor boats are not sporting!

Right now, the city of Burlington disposes treated municipal waste water into Lake Champlain, and also uses Lake Champlain as a source of drinking water. This makes no common sense. North Beach in Burlington is closed some days in the summer because it is unsafe to swim in. How can that water be safe to drink? It can't or they would bottle it and sell it to the tourists!

It isn't safe for children to have EXTREMELY FAST MOVING motorboats driving and parking and leaking oil and gas and lead products into the water at Leddy Park Beach and North Beach, where the boats have more space than the small roped off space for children to swim in.

It isn't safe for children to have three stair cases from the Burlington Bike Path, marked, "City of Burlington Beaches" just north of Leddy Park, that go from the Bike Path down to Lake Champlain right into the path of Duck Hunters with grass shacks on the edge of the sand bordering the water, some grass shacks in the water with hunters using binoculars looking towards shore or ARMED WITH RAISED guns and rifles way too close to homes and people and children riding on the bike path!

Issues concerning Lake Champlain are state and federal issues because we share Lake Champlain with New York and Canada. We need to look to our future and OUT LAW MOTORBOATS and also OUTLAW DUMPING treated waste water and storm drainage runoff water into Lake Champlain. We can treat it and pipe it to farms and factories, ski resorts, ice skating rinks and indoor winter municipal swimming pools.

We can get the money we need to treat all of the waste water and storm drainage runoff and pipe it to good use by legalizing and taxing marijuana. It will take a really strong and determined U.S. Senator to end Prohibition and legalize marijuana. I will do it. Vote for me, Cris Ericson.

ISSUE #2 MILITARY HIGH EXPLOSIVES USED BY TERRORISTS

Right now military high explosives are sold in commerce, such as PETN plastic detonators and Lead Azide squibs, and terrorists might get their hands on them in the future because they are sold under the guise of "fireworks", "special effects", and "pyrotechnics". Cris Ericson is determined to put a stop to this flow in commerce because her source said 60% of these types are sold overseas as weapons. As U.S. Senator for the state of Vermont Cris Ericson can help make Vermont safer.

FOR U.S. SENATOR

Candidate Name: CRAIG HILL

Party Affiliation: Vermont Green Party

Biographical Sketch:

Craig Hill is 54 and a father of 3 who fears for not only their future health, welfare and happiness, but for the continuing existence of all denizens of the planet, near-term and long.

Please come to my website to see me and my message to the people of Vermont and the world, a 25-minute video which can be ordered, at cost of production, and which is previewed below ~

The terror of 9/11 continues every day in the wars the events of that day bequeathed to us:

At home, the war on our Bill of Rights, our freedoms the Constitution guarantees us, continues unfolding slowly, unmercilessly; abroad, the death grip tightens around the neck of the innocent, victims of our greatest export: Weapons of Mass Murder. Not the least of which are armaments composed of the depleted uranium we use to more efficiently destroy and, so, conquer. This weapon, granted the the Good Governance Seal of Approval by the Pentagon and, in his profound ignorance, Senator Patrick Leahy, gives the equivalent of a chest x-ray every hour for the rest of the shortened lives of every Iraqi or American who breathes in its microscopic death. The numbers of the victims we are creating every day, and will be creating until the humanity absorbing it "lives no more forever", will run into the tens of millions, and that may be a hopeful understatement.

Unless we stop.

We. The People.

And begin to learn how to collect it, bit by infinitesimal bit.

This satanic murder spree is of no care to the terrorists in our midst, the al-Qaeda of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, who wreak war on the Earth itself, on life itself, for their god lives on, they believe, past death, when they will join "Him" as his elvish helpers, as they propel us all along their fast track to Armageddon, Rapture, and the 2nd Coming, which is why they do not care about the billions-year-long lifespan of depleted uranium, for they, they say, live in the End Times. They have bought and paid for, with taxpayers' money, the military goliath they own in order to get us all there the quicker, eliminating the nonbelieving Muslims, as well as the disposable American fighting units there to kill and control infidel Iraq as they press forward, into Syria, into Iran, spreading death everywhere they roam.

This is all based on the fraud of 9/11, the conspiracy theory that a man in a cave in Asia did it, theory derived more from mass hypnosis than fact, theory not indelibly branded on our psyches by the Shock and Awe of 9/11/01, evidence to the contrary visible on my campaign video Treason Inc: 25 Minutes Bush and the Media Don't Want You To See.

The terrorists are our government. Over three dozen examples of visual evidence, any one of which points the finger at the true perpetrators, are compiled on the 25-minute video available, at cost, at my website www.hillsenatnow.org.

I would list other issues here, save that such lists tend to dilute the import of the news of the real war, the War Against Life on Earth, by putting them on seemingly equal footing and importance. Please let it suffice to say that Justice, Ecological Wisdom in Action, and the proliferation of participation in power, through Decentralization of the government monster literally out of democratic control, are my aims. No less. All achieved through Nonviolent methods, inasmuch as we cannot defeat the beast, whether within or outside us, by utilizing its own ugly means.

If you don't like the status quo, don't vote for the status quo. And that very importantly includes this Senate race.

And thank you for having your underappreciated conscience.

FOR U.S. SENATOR



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Born and raised in Montpelier, Patrick Leahy has spent most of his life working for Vermonters. After graduating from Saint Michael's College, he earned his law degree from Georgetown University. He returned to Vermont to practice law and work as a criminal prosecutor, serving as State's Attorney in Chittenden County.

In 1974, Pat Leahy was elected to the U.S. Senate where he now ranks eighth in seniority. He is a leading member of the Senate Appropriations, Agriculture and Judiciary Committees.

He lives on a tree farm in Middlesex with his wife of more than 40 years, Marcelle Pomerleau Leahy, who was raised in Newport, Vermont. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Position Statements:

OUR JOBS, AND PREPARING FOR THE JOBS OF THE FUTURE:

Pat Leahy brings jobs to Vermont by helping businesses small and large to succeed -- securing, in the last six years alone, more than \$1 billion of federal investments in Vermont's private sector business economy. By bringing federal contracts to Vermont's private firms and drawing new jobs to Vermont, while protecting jobs already here, he works to make sure that good, quality jobs are available throughout the state. He paves the way for the jobs of the future by helping to expand cutting-edge technology and infrastructure in Vermont, like broadband Internet and satellite TV coverage.

OUR VALUES:

Pat Leahy brings Vermont's voice and conscience to the nation's debates. When Vermont said no to the rush to war in Iraq, Pat Leahy stood up for what Vermonters believed in and voted against giving President Bush a blank check. He authored and enacted the world's first ban on the export of anti-personnel landmines and helped lay the groundwork for the new worldwide treaty banning the use of landmines. He has successfully fought back cuts in global HIV and AIDS efforts. Long a leader on human rights, he is the namesake of a law preventing U.S. military aid from going to foreign armies that violate human rights. He is also a leader in reforming flaws in the death penalty that have caused more than 100 innocent people to be sent to death row.

OUR FARMS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT:

Vermonters have a strong tradition of land stewardship, and Pat Leahy champions the farmers who protect and work the land. As a leader on the Senate Agriculture Committee, Pat Leahy is Vermonters' voice on the key panel where dairy policies are made in the Senate. He has helped create programs to help Vermont's dairy farmers survive record low milk prices, he has helped farmers find ways to conserve their property from development, and he is the father of the highly successful new national organic standards and labeling program -- helping to foster the phenomenal growth of one of Vermont's fastest-growing farming industries.

OUR LAKE, OUR LAND AND OUR ENVIRONMENT:

Lake Champlain is a "Great Lake." Since Vermonters first elected him to the Senate 30 years ago, Pat Leahy has secured \$70 million to help protect our lake. Those funds have been used to clean up the watershed, fight invasive species and even build a world-class science center and aquarium on the waterfront in Burlington. A national environmental leader in the great Vermont tradition, Pat Leahy has also used his seniority in the Senate to work for the health of our people and our lands by fighting to control the pollution that drops acid rain and mercury in our forests, streams and lakes.

OUR HEALTH:

Married to a registered nurse, Pat Leahy understands the need for quality, affordable health care. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee he introduced legislation to criminally penalize drug companies conspiring to keep low-cost generic prescription drugs off the shelves of pharmacies and he has long supported making drug reimportation easier. As a member of the Senate Agriculture and Nutrition Committee he has worked to encourage healthier lifestyles by creating initiatives like the Farm-to-Cafeteria program to teach children the benefits of eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

FOR U.S. SENATOR



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Biographical Sketch:

Jack McMullen grew up in a working class neighborhood in then semi-rural Staten Island, New York. His father was frequently out of work due to a chronic illness. Despite frequent financial hardship, Jack's parents instilled in their children the understanding that education and hard work are the keys to opportunity and success.

Through a Navy scholarship, Jack went to college and later got law and business degrees, then founded his own company.

He will put 25 years experience as a business owner and professional business strategist to work creating jobs for the people of Vermont. To confront the war on terror, Jack will draw on five years' service in the Navy updating our fleet of nuclear submarines during the height of the Cold War. To do this, the government entrusted Jack with a top secret "Q" clearance. To learn more, visit www.mcmullenforsenate.com.

Position Statements:

Right now, for too many of our young people, for too many of our seniors, for too many middle class families, farmers, and entrepreneurs, Vermont is becoming a place where it is increasingly difficult to exist. But it doesn't have to be this way. We have the resources and the opportunities to be a place where our children thrive in the finest schools in the nation. Where our young adults graduate from college with jobs waiting for them here at home that are worthy of the degrees they've earned. Where paychecks can support families without damaging the environment. And where the economy has the strength to protect and preserve all those things just too special to put a price tag on.

The Skills to Tackle Our #1 Problem.

JOBS -- With job creation as our state's number one concern, I want to put my experience as a business owner/entrepreneur and strategic planning advisor at the service of Vermonters. I have spent twenty-five years helping a wide variety of businesses (including several here in Vermont) both small and large get off the ground, or stay competitive, and generate knowledge-based, environmentally-friendly, high-paying jobs. To protect the good jobs that remain Vermont -- and to create more -- our small state must improve its competitiveness in the regional and national economy. Vital to that important goal is electing a Senator with private-sector experience who understands how businesses make long-term decisions as well as how to cooperate with businesses, governments, and local communities to encourage healthy economic growth.

The Experience to Confront Our #1 Threat.

TERRORISM -- At a time when our nation is deeply involved in the war on terror, I will bring to the job of Senator five years of service as an officer in the Navy, where I qualified for a top secret "Q" clearance for my work overseeing construction of our fleet of nuclear submarines. It is my first hand experience with nuclear military technology that makes the threats we face from the Middle East, North Korea and elsewhere very real and very sobering for me. People willing to strap bombs to their bodies must never be allowed to get nuclear weapons, or any other weapon of mass destruction.

And the Bi-Partisan Ethic to Get Things Done.

CIVILITY -- Today, partisanship is trumping progress on too many fronts that affect our lives. My record in politics has been bipartisan, collaborative, and has achieved results. I advised Democratic Senator Bill Bradley on issues of pension reform and crime from 1993 to 1996. I was asked by Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis in 1982 and 1983 to serve as a Republican member of a task force to help reform the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, making it fairer and more user-friendly. I have contributed to Republican Governor Jim Douglas' initiatives for improving the effectiveness of state government operations, and to the Governor's Plan for Prosperity

FOR U.S. SENATOR



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Biography:

I am a teacher by profession and currently teach writing at Landmark College in Putney VT. I have been living in Vermont since I came here for high school in 1983. I got my first drivers license in Vermont. I registered to vote when I turned 18 in the Town Hall in Barnard, where my parents still live. My grandmother Ingabor Lorenz was the Postmaster for the town of Marlboro, VT when she was blacklisted during McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Hearings. My mother's idyllic Vermont childhood was destroyed, and now the forces of greed and fear are at it again.

Position Statements:

The War on Terror Is Awful

I would suggest that large stockpiles of the wealth are not only the roots of the war on terror but are chiefly responsible for terrorism itself. The great fallacy of free-market competition is the assumption that some individuals deserve hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars. Inherent in the philosophy of competition are certain assumptions: not only will there be the few winners, but there must also be the masses of losers living in a state of intense desperation. Suicide terrorism is always the result of this desperation.

The War on Drugs Is Stupid.

What kind of culture believes in mandatory sentencing for growing a plant, but refuses to regulate corporations because it would violate their freedom? What kind of culture is willing to pay fifty thousand dollars a year to incarcerate a young person, but refuses to pay more than seven thousand dollars a year to educate that same child. Decriminalize recreational drugs, tax them, regulate them so they will be safe. Locking up nonviolent drug offenders for five years at a cost of fifty thousand dollars a year is just idiotic. We can't afford it.

Jobs and the Environment

The corporate belief is that the main thing people care about is cheaper products. Which would you rather have, Price Chopper Ice-cream or Ben and Jerry's? We need to market ourselves as producers of quality products that contribute to the well being of both workers and the environment. I want to start a non-profit incubator organization called Blue/Green Vermont: blue for blue collar, workers' rights, and green for the environment. Let's develop and promote small companies that pay workers a livable wage and make environmentally beneficial products to be sold all over the world.

Take Back Vermont Yankee

Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant must shut down in 2012. We need an independent safety assessment, like the one conducted at Maine Yankee. However, as long as Vermont Yankee is under the control of Entergy's financial empire, we will remain hopelessly without a voice. Entergy intends to squeeze as much profit out of this plant as they can, with no concern for workers or the environment. We need to take Vermont Yankee back into public control, by seizing the property through eminent domain.

Time Out GMOs

As a US Senator representing the needs of Vermonters, I will support regulations that will slow the advance of genetic engineering technology until we learn the consequences. I will urge my colleagues in the US Senate to fulfill its obligation to oversee the currently inadequate treatment of this technology by the Food and Drug Administration. I will support and strengthen legislation introduced by Senator Durbin to fully test and control releases of genetically-altered ingredients into our food supply.

We hear a great deal about the federal government protecting us from terrorists, but we also need to protect our food supply, the air we breathe, the water we drink, our livelihood. Sadly, the influence of large financial interests have warped our government, so that mostly our tax money goes to protect the interests of large corporations as they pollute our water, contaminate our air, our food with chemicals, drugs even Genetic engineering, and give our jobs to the lowest bidders. Someone must stand for the wellbeing of the people.

FOR U.S. SENATOR

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My name is Keith Stern. I am forty-nine years old and I have a bachelor's degree from Johnson State College. I have been a small businessman for over twenty-five years and I understand the idea of fiscal responsibility. I am a member of the Springfield Zoning Board because I see it as a way of giving back to the community. I have decided to run for the US Senate because the politicians have failed us. They have become obligated to their major contributors and they stay in office too long; their ideas become old and tired.

Position Statements:

1. Affordable health care for everyone:

My plan is for the government to be the sole payer of medical bills (with certain exemptions such as some cosmetic surgeries) to decrease billing costs for medical providers as a way to reduce medical costs. The government would be reimbursed by insurance companies where applicable such as with automobile accidents. As the sole payer of medical bills the government can negotiate prices. As an important part of controlling costs it would be advantageous to pay for annual or semi-annual physicals based on age. Another cost saving measure is to set co-pays using a sliding scale system.

2. Reduce our dependence on foreign oil/ Protect the environment:

I will push for alternative fuels including wind, solar, and biofuels. I want to see the use of industrial hemp because the seeds are a good source of fuel, the plant is an alternative to wood, and it can be used for fabric. The oil is less polluting, it would decrease our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs, and give farmers a crop that would be profitable which could save family farms. Farm subsidies for corporate farms can be eliminated. We need to have strict mileage requirements for automobiles and appliances.

3. We must control outsourcing:

3.3 million US service-industry jobs and \$136 billion in annual wages will go overseas in the next fifteen years. My plan is to set corporate tax rates based on the percentage of employees overseas to the total number; higher tax rates for more foreign labor. I would like to see foreign businesses doing business here pay corporate or business income tax.

4. Education reform:

Education reform is important to the future of America. We should take Washington out of the education process and give the money saved to states. The federal government should pay to hire successful educators to give seminars around the country on new and innovative techniques to education. We need to empower teachers so they can maintain control over their students. Parents need to be involved in the schools and be partners in the education process.

5. Income tax reform:

I propose doing away with income tax for incomes up to \$70,000.00 and then have a \$50000.00 exemption. Anyone above the level will pay a graduated flat tax up to approximately thirty percent cap. This would eliminate the wealthy using shelters and loopholes so they end up paying a much reduced tax. Removing tax paperwork from employers will encourage business growth and save filing related costs. By removing payroll expenses the minimum wage could be raised toward a livable amount. Last year it was estimated there was three hundred billion in tax evasion which could more easily be eradicated.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

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DROWN FOR VERMONT

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I started life in a large farming family in Northfield, Vermont. As a young man I joined the trades and became a Master Plumber and Electrician. As a working man in America, I have had the opportunities of family, home, healthcare, education and participation in our system of government. I will work hard to see that those opportunities are available to all Americans. Politically, I have held town offices and in the past have run as a Republican for VT Secretary of State and VT Attorney General. I am a conservative when it comes to spending, however I would be considered a liberal in my beliefs in individual rights to privacy, religion, and choice. However, I wish we were doing more to help young people make better choices. I was against the war but firmly support our troops. I believe in fixing the problem and not the blame.

Issues

Jobs & Economy

We are living in a global economy that changes and shifts faster than ever before. It will take a culture and systems that support continuous improvement and can support segments of the workforce when transitioning between jobs to turn our economy around. Congress needs to pass laws that give incentives to those companies who call the United States home and keep 80% or more of its workforce and work here at home. It can give further incentives to those companies that are committed to their employees by continually training, paying livable wages, sensitive to the needs of workers whenever they downsize or reorganize, helping with placement and don't risk or renege on retirement commitments.

Healthcare

I believe that there is no reason every man, woman and child should not receive needed medical care and without losing their home or giving up their savings and everything they worked so hard for. Imposing cost controls, legislating tort reform, assuming a greater role in managing licensed medical professionals, tightening the Certificate of Need process would all help control costs and not raise taxes. However, I would rather see us work toward a universal healthcare system. Changing healthcare in this country will take the private sector, the nonprofits, the government, the education system, and each American to work on.

Energy Crisis

The answer to the energy crisis is clear. We have to use less oil, become more efficient with the oil we do use, begin to use alternative and renewable energy that we already have the technology for and continue to research to find safe, clean, renewable energy sources. My website gives 5 approaches Congress can take which would make a significant impact on the energy crisis.

Homeland Security & Stand on Terrorism

We must protect ourselves and our citizens against terrorism, while not sacrificing the individual rights that our forefathers fought so hard to attain. And that is the perspective that congress needs to review the 911 Commission's work and recommendations. New laws may need to be considered for those who send support to a group that commits a terrorist act, making the contributor culpable for the acts of terror regardless of where in the world the act was carried out.

Occupation & Stabilization of Iraq

I would not have voted for military intervention in Iraq but now that we are there we need to support our troops, the interim Iraqi government and the Iraqi people. I am hoping that the new president will work to mend fences with our old allies. If they are reluctant to send troops, perhaps they can offer military and security training of the Iraqis in their countries. Congress needs to make funds available for needed equipment and supplies to protect our troops in Iraq and bring them back home as soon as possible.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

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Biography

I am a 72 year old grandmother, a member of the socialist party, an associate member of Veterans For Peace, a member of the Brattleboro Area Peace and Justice Group involved in counter-recruiting, a traveler twice to protest against the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning Ga., a mother of five, a grandmother often, a retired registered nurse, an aide in a 2-room schoolhouse and a runner. (on my feet, not as a candidate). I have also been a candidate for Lt. Governor, and for the U.S. House of Representatives for the Liberty Union Party.

Positions

I think that we stand on the brink of making our planet uninhabitable, and I am sad beyond words when I think of the world we are leaving the children. The system under which we are living is held captive by the criminal financial interests of corporations that depend, for profit, on war, militarism, exploitation of the poor and the destruction of the environment.

I have no confidence that the Democrats will kill less people than the Republicans, or stop the daily creation of more people who hate the United States and wish, in their despair over their loved ones, to hurt us. Certainly, on the campaign trail, they are not talking about the dead and the wounded. If elected, the Democrats will, of course, eliminate from the political mix that disturbing conviction that not just money and bombs, but God is on our side...after which they will surely continue down the road of suffering for the poor everywhere and more money for those who are already too rich. And nobody, neither Democrat nor Republican, is talking in depth about Iraq. I think the US has no intention of leaving Iraq no matter how high the cost in money and human life. We seem to be creating one more puppet government that will soon be a police state, and are busy, not repairing the water purification systems, (the lack of which has caused the deaths of surely a half million small children over the past 14 years), or cleaning up the depleted uranium, (that will surely kill another half million in the next 14 years), but building a dozen or so permanent military bases. The facts that Iraqi deaths since 1990 and those in the future will amount to genocide, and that in the end US plans for Iraq will probably fail one way or another, seem to make no difference.

There are words I worry about too. The words "pre-emptive" and "unilateral", for instance, are used as if they were something new. In fact, since about 1890, I read that all 120 or so military actions taken by the US, (except possibly that of the second world war), were pre-emptive, unilateral, and against people who were defenseless.

How many of us understand that the poor countries of the world that have oil would be happy to sell it to us, and that our children are being sent to kill and to die for the financial interests of corporations, for pipelines that circle the globe, and for the militarization of everything including space? They are dying for an empire, which, ironically, (if the next war over water is a nuclear war, or if we can no longer breathe the air around us), is doomed along with everyone else. Shackled to this, neither Bush, nor Kerry nor, I'm afraid, Congress, can do anything to save the world for the children who are still living.

Together, however, we can at least try. I am begging, not for votes, but for clearer thoughts and deeper understanding. Jane Newton

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

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Biographical Sketch:

Raised in Chester, Enosburg Falls, and Fair Haven, Vermont, Greg Parke graduated Cum Laude (1977) with a B.S. in economics from the University of New Hampshire.

Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, Greg served as an USAF pilot instructor, a NATO nuclear strike pilot, the Executive Officer for the Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, and an F-16 fighter pilot. Before retiring as a Lt. Colonel, he had served in Mississippi, Florida, New York, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Arizona.

Parke now works as a charter pilot and resides with his family in Rutland.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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Congressman Bernie Sanders is married to Jane O'Meara Sanders, is the proud father of Levi, Heather, Carina and David and is a new grandfather of 2 month old Cole.

In 1981, Bernie was elected Mayor of Burlington and, during his 8 year tenure, was widely recognized as one of the most successful mayors in the country. In 1991, when Bernie became Vermont's Congressman, history was made as he became the first Independent elected to Congress in 40 years. Since that time he has been re-elected 6 times, and is now the longest serving Independent member of Congress in American history.

POSITION STATEMENT

During his Congressional tenure, Bernie has been in the forefront of taking on powerful special interests and fighting for the needs of the middle class. He has focused on good paying jobs; lower priced prescription drugs; health care for all; protecting pensions and Social Security; keeping faith with veterans; preserving the environment and protecting our constitutional rights. His office has provided high-quality constituent service for thousands of Vermonters.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL – Congressman Sanders has brought millions into our state to improve Vermonters' access to quality health and dental care – regardless of income. In 1995, he was the first member of Congress to take constituents into Canada border for lower-cost prescription drugs. Today, millions of Americans are purchasing safe and affordable medicine abroad, Congress has passed major "re-importation" legislation that Bernie helped write, and states and cities now participate in this approach. Bernie supports legislation which guarantees health care for all Americans as a right and not a privilege.

SAVE THE MIDDLE CLASS – At a time when the middle class is shrinking and poverty is increasing, Bernie has been a leader against policies that allow corporations to throw American workers out on the street as they "outsource" good paying jobs to low-wage countries. The federal government should be providing support for small and medium size businesses that want to create jobs here in America, and not large corporations that are moving to China. Bernie has passed legislation that protects older workers from having their pensions slashed and another amendment that penalizes companies that move off-shore to avoid taxes. Bernie, a strong defender of family farms, helped create the dairy program that has brought \$45 million into Vermont to save dairy farms.

PROTECT VETERANS' RIGHTS – Bernie's office has helped hundreds of Vermont veterans receive the VA health care and benefits to which they are entitled, and has been successful in increasing funding for veterans suffering from Gulf War Illness and exposure to Agent Orange. Along with Senators Leahy and Jeffords, he has brought millions into the VA hospital in White River Jct. and the VA clinic in Colchester. He has helped communities receive funding for veteran monuments. Bernie strongly supports legislation which makes funding for veterans' benefits mandatory and has been endorsed by the VFW-PAC.

THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM MUST BE WAGED EFFECTIVELY - September 11, 2001 is a day that we must never forget, and Bernie has voted for billions in defense and intelligence spending which will provide our soldiers with the arms and equipment they need. But he believes that fighting terrorism effectively requires more than just a military approach. We must also have intelligence agencies that are engaged in the current war, not the last war. We need to rebuild international alliances that have been strained by President Bush's unilateralism, and convince the people of Muslim countries that working with the United States and not Osama bin Laden, is where their future lies.

WE NEED SENSIBLE NATIONAL PRIORITIES – Bernie does not believe that the President and Congress should provide billions in tax breaks for millionaires, leave a record breaking national debt to our children, and then cut back on affordable housing, the needs of our seniors and environmental protection. He believes that in the United States, government should represent all the people, and not just powerful special interests.

FOR GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch:

A Winooski native, Peter Clavelle has thirty years of public service experience. He's been Town Manager of Castleton, City Manager of Winooski, and is currently serving his seventh term as Burlington's Mayor.

Under his leadership, Burlington has been recognized as one of America's best places to live, raise a family, and start a small business. As Mayor he's provided city employees with access to affordable prescription drugs, reduced the city's consumption of electricity while lowering bills, and revitalized the waterfront creating a place for all to enjoy.

Peter and his wife Betsy Ferries have three children, Luke, Jae, and Will.

Position Statements:

I have a plan to address Vermont's health care crisis.

My Vermonters First plan will provide health insurance to every Vermonter at a price they can afford. And we'll do it without raising taxes.

We'll reuse money that's already in the system to provide discounts to individuals, small businesses – everyone.

I'll fight to protect Vermont's seniors from harmful policies such as recent changes to our country's Medicare laws.

I'll make sure the 1,000 children who've fallen off the Dr. Dynasaur rolls get their coverage back. I'll tackle Vermont's growing Medicaid deficit and I'll authorize a program to reimpose safe and affordable prescription drugs from Canada, saving our state \$25 million.

Vermonters need access to safe and affordable prescription drugs.

The cost of prescription drugs has become a heavy burden on many Vermonters including our seniors. On my first day in office, I will authorize a program allowing the purchase of safe and affordable prescription drugs from Canada.

I'll take the program I've put in place in Burlington – the third of its kind in the nation – and apply a similar strategy to save as much as \$25 million in Medicaid costs and to offer everyday Vermonters a way to save as much as 50% on each prescription. It's time to take action and stop waiting for permission from George Bush.

Vermont needs a common-sense energy policy.

Vermont must break its dependence on nuclear energy and its addiction to fossil fuels. We must also be well prepared for the loss of two-thirds of our energy supply within the next decade as Vermont Yankee goes off-line and our contracts with HydroQuebec expire.

My energy plan includes increased investment in efficiency and renewable energy, strategic use of wind power, and purchasing – at the right price – the hydro dams on the Connecticut River. In Burlington we've proven that energy efficiency and low bills can coexist – the average residential bill in Burlington is 40% lower than the state average.

Investing in our communities will create good paying jobs.

I have a common-sense plan for sustainable economic and community development. We should invest in our downtowns and village centers, oppose sprawl, maintain our roads and bridges, and support our local business people.

It's important that we preserve what makes Vermont special – compact downtowns surrounded by open spaces and family farms coupled with an amazing spirit and innovative population. We need to protect our communities' central gathering places by supporting strong public schools.

Vermont is home to fresh wholesome products and we must support efforts to successfully market those products worldwide.

Comprehensive economic development policy will mean good paying jobs.

Vermont needs real leadership from their Governor.

While the policies of George Bush's administration have wreaked havoc on our state, Jim Douglas has not only stood by but offered his support by chairing the committee to re-elect the Bush/Cheney ticket. This administration is one characterized by failed leadership and missed opportunities. Vermonters deserve better.

It's time that Vermont again have a leader that will stand up to federal policies that are bad for our state and its people. It's time Vermont has a leader that will stand side by side with the people of this state and work to make our already great state even better.

FOR GOVERNOR



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I am a spouse of 47 years; a parent of 4 adult children, all of whom live in Windham County; and a grandparent of 12. I have a degree in Economics from Queens College (1957) and a JD law degree from the University of Chicago (1960). I am a member of Socialist Party; Veterans for Peace; Vietnam Veterans Against the War Anti-Imperialist; American Legion; Committee for Peace in Southwest Asia; American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) since I was 16 years old, and Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). I initiated the organization of the Suffolk Norman Thomas Chapter of the ACLU in 1964 and the first union of insurance adjusters in 1962.

Position Statements:

Health care, distinct from trauma-disease care, deals with causes and prevention first, cures and treatments second. Capitalist parties' candidates focus on treatments and cures because they make profits for Physicians, Hospitals, Insurers, and Drug Manufacturers (PHIDs). Focuses on causes and prevention makes for: real health, reducing treatments and cures; and reducing profits of PHIDs.

Stop treating "terrorism." Voters should demand all candidates support prevention of "terrorism." Terrorism's bad for everyone's health and is preventable.

Get our troops out of harm's way NOW. Bring them home NOW. War is hazardous to their health.

End all aid to Israel NOW.

Pay reparations to Iraq and Afghanistan equaling amounts U.S. has spent to wage war there.

Pay reparations to Palestine (defined by UN Resolution 242) equaling U.S. aid to Israel since 1967 when Israeli criminal occupation of Palestine began. Stop U.S. using WMDS--nuclear weapons--uranium ammunition--genocidal use against civilians and troops and destroying health of our troops who use that ammunition.

Vermonters should decide preventing Vermont Yankee's health hazards, not Mississippi owners, governmental promoters (NRC--PSB) and NYC propagandists. Using eminent domain, (knowing what Entergy just paid) Vermonters will decide whether to: extend the license; increase capacity; shut it down.

Another cure: I would appoint a special prosecutor to prosecute Attorney General Sorrell and his deputies for obstruction of justice in the killing of Robert Woodward by police in a Brattleboro Church where he was seeking sanctuary.

Prevention: I would also encourage the legislature to create the elective office of ombudsman, which would be responsible for criminal prosecutions against government employees and officials, taking that responsibility away from police and traditional prosecutors.

Vermont cannot end factory farming, but could lead with direct subsidies to organic vegetable, dairy, and meat farmers; provide low-cost processing dairy from cow's untreated with BGH; require GMO farms to completely--sides and top--enclose those fields to prevent "trespass" of seeds to other fields; provide market for organics in low-cost school breakfasts and lunches, driving out the "corn syrup" vending companies; and require selling GMO products in clearly designated store sections--not commingled with other products. Vermont can lead informing people with TV and radio PSA's, Health Department reps. in food stores, and leaflets in food stores describing dangerous substances such as soy and bromated flour.

As many other countries, Vermont should ban using mercury amalgam fillings and medicating public water supplies. At public expense, Vermont should provide direct fluoride application for all Vermonters.

Ban inefficient and cancer-risk increasing X-Rays (mammography) and require using MRI only breast cancer detection.

Vermont workers, parttime/fulltime, permanent/temporary, must have one hour of paid leave for every 12 hours worked (4-weeks/yr.); and ten paid holidays. Leisure time--relief from job stress and the opportunity to be with family--is critical to mental and physical health of workers and their families.

Profit makers (PHIDs) are interested first in treatments/cures--trauma and disease care. Let's close that topic, not by "single payer," preserving profit making from pain, but by socialized medical care, hospital care, and prescriptions.

We cannot continue giving away financial capital--state revenues--to big city banks and Vermont Petroleum TV. Vermont needs a state owned and operated bank as a repository for state revenues and state, teachers, and municipal employees' retirement funds. That capital can be invested in what Vermonters deem important.

So let's get on with the business of causes and prevention--real health care.

FOR GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch:

Governor Douglas has been serving the people of Vermont for 30 years. Elected to the Vermont House of Representatives in 1972, he was elected assistant majority leader in his second term and majority leader in his third term at the age of 25. In 1980, Governor Douglas was elected Secretary of State, a post he held until 1992 winning reelection five times. Governor Douglas was elected State Treasurer in 1994. He served as Treasurer until being elected Governor in 2002.

The First Lady of Vermont is Dorothy Douglas. The Governor and Mrs. Douglas have two grown sons, Matthew and Andrew.

Position Statements:

Less than two years ago, the voters of Vermont gave me the privilege of allowing me to serve as their governor. They endorsed my positive message of hope and opportunity, and a bold agenda of change.

I promised to listen to and work with Democrats as well as Republicans, and to offer thoughtful, moderate and reasonable leadership in pursuit of common goals. The course we have set is working, and the result is a record of progress of which Vermonters can be proud.

But Vermonters know that two years is not enough to solve every challenge. There is more work to do and that is why I am seeking another term as governor of Vermont. As a result of our efforts to revive the Vermont economy, our unemployment rate is the fourth lowest in the country and thousands of Vermonters are back to work. We balanced the Vermont budget each year of my term, and we did it without raising the tax burden and without cutting off essential services to those who need them most.

Today, Vermont faces a health care crisis. The cost of prescription costs is skyrocketing, health insurance premiums are ballooning, and families are struggling to pay the bills. Vermonters need relief from rising costs and I have a comprehensive plan for real reform of our health care system.

My plan does not raise costs for Vermonters with private insurance, nor does it raise taxes on already over-taxed workers. My plan is financially sustainable, improves access and increases competition among insurers to help lower costs. And my plan puts decisions in the hands of patients and doctors, rather than bureaucrats and politicians.

We led the nation in the fight to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for our seniors by working on a bipartisan basis to form the first ever multi-state prescription drug purchasing pool. Further, I have initiated a lawsuit against the federal government to force them to authorize a program of reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada.

I will continue to fiercely guard Vermont's environmental tradition to ensure that our air and water remain the cleanest in New England. My Clean and Clear Water Action Plan speeds the cleanup of Lake Champlain and all of Vermont's waterways so future generations can fully enjoy Vermont's natural heritage.

I will continue to fight against a toxic tire burn in New York and I will not stand by as mid-west coal burning power plants spew pollution into our air. And I will continue to strongly oppose efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act or any policy that comes out of the White House or Congress that is at odds with the best interests of Vermonters. I have kept my word to the people of Vermont and if I am given the privilege to serve again I will continue to guide our state on the path to prosperity.

FOR GOVERNOR



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Published legal battles in Federal Jurisdiction: On WESTLAW Cite as: WL 1998 547085 S.D.N.Y.;

Federal Register, April 15, 1997 EPA Response to Citizen Petition against Lead Acid.

Musician & Artist. Widow, no children, Single & Looking for musicians to jam with in my clean, COOL

basement.

Position Statements:

ISSUE # 1: EDUCATION NEEDS AN EXCITING BOOST !

Education in Vermont needs improvement as proven by standardized tests scores under the No Child Left Behind Act. It is shocking that meeting the Annual Yearly Progress under the current State Accountability System means that a majority of children in some cases do NOT meet the requirements, but the schools report them as having "met the goals of the State Annual Yearly Progress".

This is just plain fraud in a fiduciary capacity in Cris Ericson's opinion.

Let's take an example:

Thirty-Sixth Annual Report, 2004, Green Mountain Union High School, District No. 35, Andover-Cavendish-Chester, Page 22, Grade 5 Science, Performance Comparison in Science (% Meeting or Exceeding) State Results 46%, Windsor Southwest S.U. 49%, Chester-Andover 49% What does this mean? It means that 51% or more of these students did NOT meet or exceed the requirements for science in Grade 5. And Guess what? On Page 19 this Report claims that "Based on these results, each school and the SU met the goals of the State AYP system for 2003." SU stands for Supervisory Union. AYP stands for Annual Yearly Progress.

Cris Ericson will never let a child pass from one grade to the next without learning the skills necessary to do so. Remember, Democrats and Republicans may be so controlled by huge corporations that want employees who will work for minimum wage, that they don't care if your kid learns anything, and is graduated from high school without the needed skills to earn a living with a high enough income to pay all of their bills.

Cris Ericson's first step as Governor will be trim the budget to be able to afford computers for every child in Vermont, even if that means rescinding and voiding parts of the budget for fraud in a fiduciary capacity by various agencies, or for unconstitutionally forcing you to pay tax dollars to various "non-profit" organizations.

Cris Ericson, as Governor, will contract with a Commissioner who is an expert at creating computer video games. The Vermont Education Game will be created as a "work made for hire" and patented and copyrighted by the state of Vermont and sold to other states and countries around the world to bring an enormous profit to the State of Vermont. There are about 100,000 students in the state, K-12. They will begin the computer video game at the entry level where they will compete with a required number of other students and only be advanced to the next higher level in each subject according to their proven skill levels.

ISSUE #2 ABORTION & MARIJUANA-YOUR RIGHTS TO CONTROL YOUR BODY & MIND

There are women who want you to pay for their abortions with your tax dollars. Some of these same women want you to spend your tax dollars sending your children or wife or husband or friend or neighbor to prison for years for possessing marijuana, even though they haven't hurt anyone or anything.

ISSUE #3 TEN PERCENT OF VERMONTERS HAVE NO HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

The most cost effective way to provide health care for uninsured Vermonters is to set up County Health Clinics staffed by Nurse volunteers and volunteers who have Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Science, and in return for volunteering, give them tuition free medical school courses, so that in about 12 years they all become medical doctors with no school loans to pay back.

ISSUE #4 MAKE MARIJUANA LEGAL

Repeal all state marijuana laws. Repeal means to get rid of them, take them off the 12 books.

FOR GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch: Twice widowed, I have five children and seven children. Raising my children was my most important work. I have a BA in Biology and an MS in Nutrition. In the business field I have worked as an administrative assistant and as an office manager and bookkeeper. In the scientific field I worked as a research technician. My distress and my anger at the mess my generation and my children's generation have left all of our grandchildren caused me to become politically active. I was on the ballot in 2002 and the encouragement of many people has led me to stand as a candidate once again.

Position Statement: All of the issues I address on the web sites I have listed are aimed either at correcting some of the harm which has been done to our grandchildren or to making a better future for them.

FOR GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch

35-year-old native Vermonter. Graduated from Essex Junction High School. Received BS in Computer Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia. Founded Catamount Software ten years ago to design software for handheld computers. Software experience includes designing personal and governmental financial management systems, home health care systems, data privacy, streamlining and automating business systems, and more. Political experience includes former chair of Grand Isle Selectboard, NW Regional Planning Commission, justice of the peace, and president of Vermont NORML. Lobbied for the passage of the medical marijuana bill last year. Involved with several Vermont and national freedom oriented organizations.

Position Statements:

A FREE VERMONT

A free Vermont is free from many of the strings and mandates of the federal government. A free Vermont returns control of health care, education, transportation... back to Vermonters so we can create solutions that work for us instead of one size fits all solutions imposed on us by politicians in the other forty-nine states.

HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS *(Universal free-market insurance for everyone)*

Let's bring the left and right together to give Vermonters universal free-market health care. By copying the ninety-year-old **Swiss model of universal private health insurance**, we could fix Medicaid, insure all Vermonters, and save an estimated \$114 million. Swiss insurance follows the individual just like your auto insurance so if you switch jobs you don't lose insurance coverage. The state provides a basic safety net to help the poor purchase their own insurance policy, rather than having government get into the health care and health insurance businesses.

Vermonters must be free to purchase insurance from other states and to purchase medicine from Canada. Expand medical marijuana bill to include serious pain and other medical conditions.

WISE AND FRUGAL GOVERNMENT *(living within Vermonters' means, less poverty, more jobs, & lower taxes)*

Vermonters pay \$6,500 per person in state taxes. In NH they only pay \$3,400 per person. Repeal Douglas's first term spending increase of \$1,000 per person.

A **Taxpayer's Bill of Rights** would have saved Vermont taxpayers 6.6 billion dollars since 1995 by limiting the growth of government and taxes to the rate of inflation. Only voters could approve larger tax or spending increases through a statewide ballot initiative.

Rolling back spending to 2001 levels (<http://budget.freevermont.org>) would let us repeal the sales tax, cut property tax in half, and put \$1.1 billion back into Vermont's economy.

Keep more of your money. You earned it.

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM *(Local control, innovation, and affordable for everyone)*

Get politics out of education! Sharply reduce mandates from Montpelier and Washington D.C. Restore full responsibility for education to teachers, parents, and local school boards. Extend the opportunity for school choice enjoyed by families in 90 towns to all families in Vermont. Encourage innovation and excellence in public, private, and home educational settings.

ALCOHOL *(Reduce alcohol abuse such as binge drinking, end age discrimination)*
Instead of learning about alcohol at underage parties from their friends by binge drinking, parents should be allowed to raise their children to appreciate alcohol gradually and responsibly, as in Europe.

Treat adults as adults. An 18-year-old can vote, marry and fight and die in war. They only thing they cannot do is legally walk into a bar and have a beer. End age discrimination.

MARIJUANA *(Regulate and tax it)*

According to the federal government's figures, Vermont leads the nation in the number of regular marijuana users at about 55,000. Governor Douglas wants to arrest all of them. Clavelle wants law enforcement officers and courts to waste their limited resources ticketing smokers.

I want to treat adults as adults. Let's end the failed marijuana prohibition. Legalize it and tax it, just like we do for alcohol and cigarettes. It would generate over \$40 million in tax revenues, allow law enforcement to focus on real crimes, and reduce the gateway affect to harder drugs because people won't be going to black market heroin dealers to buy marijuana.

FOR LT. GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch:

Brian was born in Burlington (1959). He is married to Penny Bolio Dubie; they have four children. He was educated at Essex Junction public schools and UVM (BS, 1982, Mechanical Engineering).

Brian was a mechanical engineer at Goodrich Aerospace, and a Vermont Air National Guard pilot, flying F-4s and F-16s. He is an American Airlines Captain, co-owner-and-operator of the 10,000-tap Dubie Family Sugarworks, and a USAF Reserve Colonel. As USAFR Emergency Preparedness Officer, he earned a Meritorious Service Medal, First Oak Cluster, for his actions in New York following Sept. 11. He became Vermont's 85th Lieutenant Governor in January, 2003.

Position Statements:

Jobs, and economic security for all Vermonters has been my top priority as Lt. Governor, and it still is -- more jobs, better paying jobs, more secure jobs, jobs for our future. In my first term, we passed permit reform, investment in economic development and workforce training, a minimum wage increase, workers' comp reforms, and tax credits to create more than 2,000 new jobs. But we have more to do. Health care costs, energy cost and reliability, tax reform and more demand our immediate attention.

I also took the initiative to expand export markets for Vermont's employers and farmers. On trade missions to Quebec, Asia and Cuba, we built bridges and relationships that will keep Vermont's exporters strong and keep Vermonters on the job. I want to continue this important work.

It's important for jobs in our state. And in a world full of tensions, building bridges is a key to building a safer and more peaceful world.

The Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council, which I chair, has enhanced our safety and security, and forged key relationships not just within our state, but with our neighboring states and our Canadian friends. These are essential for keeping us safe and free, in our homes and at work, in our schoolrooms and on our roads, in our downtowns and across our countryside.

Every Vermonter deserves access to affordable, timely, high-quality health care and prescription medicine. Governor Jim Douglas has introduced a number of strong new initiatives to address our need for good health, and good health care -- at a cost we can afford. I support him.

Meaningful reform requires a balanced and comprehensive approach. I measure reform by 7 positive goals. It should:

1. Improve access, while maintaining the high quality of care we have in Vermont today.
2. Give Vermonters more choice about how they pay for health care.
3. Offer more options for affordable insurance.
4. Take special care of the most vulnerable Vermonters.
5. Invest in prevention and intervention to make life better and reduce costs.
6. Expand access to lower-priced prescription medicines.
7. Empower patients and their health care providers to make their own treatment decisions.

The crisis in health care casts a long shadow.

But we cannot let that shadow fall upon our children, and their need for a safe, healthy environment, and a great education. I will continue to talk with students, teachers and parents all over our state, to work on strengthening their vital partnership. Listening to young Vermonters and encouraging them to learn about math and science, history, civics and foreign languages has been one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

It's Vermont's children who will inherit these Green Mountains, blue waters and Green Valley. Trade, travel and cultural relationships can make their world a more peaceful place, through new links in trade, education, security, technology, agriculture, the arts, and many others.

That's the spirit behind my Green Valley Initiative. We launched the idea in January 2004, as a way to develop, promote and export Vermont's trademark environmental stewardship ethic and technology. We've worked on building new relationships in a dynamic Vermont collaborative of technology, education, energy and agriculture that will mean jobs for Vermonters and a cleaner world.

I look forward to continuing the important work we've started. Thank you for your vote and your support.

FOR LT. GOVERNOR



Candidate Name: STEVE HINGTGEN
Party Affiliation: Progressive

Biographical Sketch: (Personal History/Experience)

Steve is the owner of a small mail order business. He is a three-term state legislator from Burlington and has served on the Judiciary, Government Operations and Education Committees.

Steve is the founder and co-chair of the legislature's 42-member Working Vermonters Caucus, the bicameral caucus of pro-labor legislators in Vermont's state house. He is also a founding member of the National Labor Caucus of State Legislators.

Previously, Steve has worked as a consultant in affordable housing and community development, as the director of the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, and as a teacher and counselor to at-risk teenagers in Benson, Vermont.

Position Statements:

The Importance of Vermont's Lieutenant Governor

Vermont's lieutenant governor is elected separately from our Governor. This provides our state a great opportunity to have an independent Lt. governor who does more than just support the governor's agenda. Steve Hingtgen has the skills, experience and independence to be Vermont's next lieutenant governor. He'll be a strong, outspoken presence inside and outside the state house. His positive vision and no-nonsense leadership style will challenge the legislature and governor to keep their campaign promises and make real progress on issues important to ordinary working Vermonters.

Affordable Health Care for All

Steve Hingtgen's campaign bumper stickers, t-shirts and lawn signs all carry the phrase "*Affordable Health Care for All!*" It's more than a campaign slogan. Steve has focused his campaign on this issue to drive home the importance of making comprehensive health care reform the #1 priority for Vermont lawmakers.

Our dysfunctional health insurance system burdens businesses, steals take-home pay from workers, drives up school and town property taxes and leaves nearly 1/3 of Vermonters without decent care. The system can't be fixed with timid tweaks. It's time to stand up to the health insurance industry and rebuild the insurance system from the ground up.

Dear Vermont Voter:

I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because it's time to end the hollow rhetoric and get serious about health care reform. During my six years in the Vermont legislature, I have worked on our state's most important issues, including affordable housing, tax reform, corrections policy, and public education. Through that experience, I have come to understand that health care—more than any other issue—affects the lives and pocketbooks of all Vermonters.

Rising health care costs have reached critical levels. Unfortunately, most politicians seem unwilling to offer the one reform that will really bring down costs and improve quality: universal, publicly-funded health care through a statewide self-insurance system. It's the only practical solution to our current crisis.

As Vermont's next Lieutenant Governor, I'll dedicate my office to the fight for universal health care. I'll hold the governor and legislature accountable and insist on action on important issues that too often get ignored. I'll stand up to the powerful interests—like the insurance industry—that have gotten in the way and lead the fight. I hope you'll join me.

Steve Hingtgen

Other Important Issues

While Steve's campaign is focused on universal health care, he has strong positions on a number of other pressing issues. Those issues include: Affordable Housing; Agriculture & Rural Economy; Civil Rights & civil Liberties; Corrections Policy; Economic Development & Jobs; Education; Election & Campaign Reform; Energy Policy; Environment; Labor; Tax Policy; Transportation

To learn about Steve's positions on these important issues, contact the campaign at 229-2099 or visit the his website at www.hingtgen.com

Steve Hingtgen's Clean Money Campaign

Steve believes campaign finance reform is essential to restore voters' faith in our electoral process. Not content to just talk about it, Steve is leading by example. He is the only candidate running for statewide office this year who has agreed to run a clean money campaign. Steve has agreed to spending limits and his campaign is funded 100% by Vermonters. He is not accepting any out-of-state, corporate, special interest, party or big-money contributions.

Received Public Campaign Finance Grant.

FOR LT. GOVERNOR



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Biographical Sketch:

Cheryl grew up the oldest of nine children in Addison County. She attended UVM and graduated from Castleton State College. She was Executive Director of Addison County Community Action and served as Legislative Advocate for the Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council. Cheryl represented Windsor County for 11 years in the State Senate and she chaired the Senate Finance Committee before becoming the Executive Director of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices. Cheryl has been married for 26 years to Richard Rivers and they have one son, Nathan. The family lives in Stockbridge, where they raise Morgan horses.

Position Statements:

Universal Health Care for All Vermonters.

I believe health care is a basic human right. Vermont ought to lead the country in the passage of a publicly financed plan which covers all of our citizens in a system of self insurance. We can afford this if we reduce bureaucratic waste and inefficiency and encourage preventive and primary care. Currently we have a wasteful system where increasing numbers of Vermonters have no insurance coverage or are underinsured, making it more and more difficult for them to receive the care they need. When people defer primary and preventive care they often become more ill, and sometimes they die.

Fair Prescription Drug Prices

As both State Senator and Executive Director of the National Association on Prescription Drug Prices, I have worked diligently to develop proposals to bring down the cost of prescription drugs. I released a plan in September which I believe will move Vermont forward in this fight. I support the re-importation of prescription drugs from Canada and European countries. I believe Vermont should join with other states to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for all state drug purchases, and should invite businesses and individuals to benefit from these negotiations as well.

Living Wages for Hard Working Vermonters

Too many Vermonters are working hard at two and even three jobs yet are still not earning enough to support themselves and their families. I will make sure that the stories of Main Street are heard in the corridors of power on State Street. We also need fair trade policies and the state should lead by example. No state contracts should be awarded to companies which are outsourcing jobs to countries with cheap labor. Vermont economic development efforts should be geared toward growing and attracting companies which pay livable wages.

Energy Independence

Vermont energy policy should favor energy efficiency and energy conservation. I support all forms of renewable energy including wind. I support state purchase of the dams on the Connecticut River. I oppose the proposed up-rate at the Vermont Yankee, as well as extending its operating license. I believe that if we encourage and support renewable energy and energy efficiency, we will keep more money in our local economy, we will benefit the environment, and we will be less dependent on foreign oil.

Saving Family Farms

Vermont Agriculture must have a future if we want to preserve the heart and soul of our state. Family farms are vital to maintaining the character of Vermont, yet every day there is a human tragedy being played out on them. No matter how hard our family dairy farmers work today, their future is in grave danger. Farmers need more than lip service. If we want a future for agriculture in our state, we must show our young people that it is possible to live on the land and earn a decent living.

FOR LT. GOVERNOR

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Biographical Sketch:

Born in Atlanta GA in 1964 I grew up surrounded by the civil rights movement. Since then I have had a life long interest in progressive politics. Graduate: UVM 1990 BS in Life Sciences. Post-graduate studies in Acupuncture. Have worked in construction for 25 years during which I spoke on occasion to civic groups about stemming the problems of gang violence by decriminalizing drugs. I believe that no problem is exceeded by our talent to solve it if we think outside the box. Lets do away with the box.

Position statements:

Cease fighting endless wars that can never be won. In 50 years this might include the war on terror but for now in the state of Vermont it's exemplified by the war on drugs. We should fully pardon all non-violent drug offenders and cease spending money prosecuting this frivolous and counterproductive war on drugs. We should do away with the DARE program as it's ineffectual. Vermont should cease and desist from prosecuting the war and leave it to the medical community where it belongs.

Ban GMO's: Now that DNA has fallen into the crucible of science we are faced with the threat of loss of species on a scale never previously conceived. Farmers have been prosecuted for patent infringement because a Monsanto cornstalk pollinated a neighboring field. It is in the interest of Vermont to support GMO free agriculture as well as organic farming. Vermont's reputation as a place representing quality products requires state support of sustainable agriculture. The strategic need for this will only grow as time passes.

Socialized Medicine: Capitalist industry is like an internal combustion engine, so much energy is wasted in the form of heat. The state could compete rather effectively with private insurers to provide policies that are affordable. In conjunction, efforts could be made to reduce medical costs by greater social support of preventive medicine.

Energy Policy: Lately Vermont made the national news because of missing fuel rods in a storage tank at Vermont Yankee. It is in the interest of Vermont to take possession of Vermont Yankee and let the people decide what to do with it. Meanwhile the state of Vermont should support renewable resources. Rural communities have all to gain and nothing to lose when their state supports residential power generation. That source of energy will never go away. That's why they call it renewable.

Economics And Low Income Housing: Vermont's Housing needs are myriad. Some neighborhoods are stifled for housing of any kind, low income or high. Other areas are experiencing a boom of second or third homes which are increasing the property taxes of previously lesser valued homes. Vermont should adopt a policy which supports housing and a livable wage for those members of the community who grow our food, wait our tables, build our houses.

FOR STATE TREASURER



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Biographical Sketch:

Jeb Spaulding was elected State Treasurer in 2002. During his first term, he has emphasized continuous improvement in treasury fundamentals such as timely and accurate bank reconciliations, enhanced customer service, expanded outreach and compliance in the unclaimed property division, and proactive investment management and oversight. In addition, he has initiated a new focus in the Treasurer's Office to leverage State assets to encourage responsible corporate citizenship.

Treasurer Spaulding served eight terms in the Vermont State Senate from 1985-2000. During that period, he chaired several committees, including the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Spaulding was a founder and General Manager of WNCN-FM in Montpelier and a partner in Precision Media, Inc. In addition, he was Director of Career and Workforce Development at the Vermont Department of Education, the Director of the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology at Vermont Technical College, and an adjunct instructor at Norwich University. He has been very involved at the community level, serving as a board member for many community service organizations.

Jeb was educated at Antioch College and the University of Vermont (B.A., 1975; M.Ed., 1993).

He is married to Susan Morse Spaulding and they have two grown daughters.

Position Statement:

PROTECTING VERMONT'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

In these uncertain financial times, we need an effective state treasurer dedicated to protecting and strengthening our financial future. I am prepared for this critical responsibility. My priorities for the State Treasurer's office include: Continuous improvement in treasury fundamentals, such as timely and accurate bank reconciliations, enhanced customer service, expanded outreach and compliance in the unclaimed property division, and proactive investment management and oversight. Maintaining Vermont's excellent credit/bond rating. Protecting the pension plans for teachers, state employees, and municipal employees, as well as retirement security for all Vermonters. Leveraging State assets to encourage responsible corporate citizenship. Seeking opportunities to invest State assets in Vermont to support community and economic development when yields are competitive, taking into account risk and safety concerns.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



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Biographical Sketch

Deb Markowitz was elected Vermont's 37th Secretary of State in 1998. A graduate of the University of Vermont (B.A., 1983) and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*), Deb returned to Vermont to clerk for the Vermont Supreme Court. After practicing law with Langrock, Sperry, Parker and Wool, Deb became the founding director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' Municipal Law Center. Deb serves on the boards of the Vermont Historical Society, the Central Vermont Community Action Agency, Woodbury College, the Vermont Girl Scout Council, the National Elections Standards Board and the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council.

Position Statements:

In January of 1999 I took office as Secretary of State with some very specific ideas of what needed to be accomplished. With the help of committed staff and a great management team here is some of what we have done these past six years:

Vermont's elections run smoothly and fairly. With voters' faith in fair elections undermined and with debates raging about the security of electronic voting machines, I am proud of the nonpartisan job my office does running Vermont's elections effectively and fairly. In Vermont, voters have full confidence that their votes are counted correctly. Because of this we have one of the highest voter turnouts in the nation.

The office makes it easy to do business in Vermont. We revamped the corporations division saving Vermonters thousands of dollars every year by making available everything needed to start or expand a business- all for free - eliminating the fees businesses used to pay for the same information. Our Vermont Centennial Business Awards Program honors Vermont's oldest Businesses.

Vermont children are learning how important it is to be part of our democracy. Vermont Votes for Kids and our Town Meeting Curriculum teach Vermont's school children about our democratic institutions and the importance of voting. Hundreds of students participate in our poster and essay contest on Vermont history and the Vermont Constitution. Getting children interested in our democracy is an important investment in Vermont's future.

Citizens and local officials have a place to come for answers. The Secretary of State's Office has become a place where the press, the public and local officials turn to for answers to questions about the laws governing cities and towns. We also provide educational seminars, handbooks and a monthly newsletter on topics of open government and municipal law.

We protect consumers of professional services. We ensure that the rules governing Vermont's professionals are clear and appropriate and we quickly and effectively remove from practice those who are incompetent or unethical. Cases no longer wait for years before decisions are made.

Our state of the art web site gets over 25,000 hits a day. The Secretary of State office's website is regularly mentioned as one of most comprehensive and easy to use Secretary of State web sites in the nation.

We help Vermonters understand the issues of today by looking at the debates of the past. The state Archives preserves Vermont's precious heritage and ensures that Vermont government is transparent and accountable into the future.

Vermont Public Service Awards honor local officials who have served our state for 20 years or more. We have honored over 1000 long serving local officials, including one husband/wife team in West Rutland who each gave over 50 years to their community!

The "Safe At Home" program protects victims of domestic violence. Through the "Safe at Home" program we keep Vermonters who have been victims of domestic violence, rape or stalking from being located through our public records system. These most vulnerable Vermont families use our office address as their legal address and we forward their mail to a confidential location.

It has been an honor to serve as Vermont's Secretary of State for the past six years. I am proud of my record and look forward to continuing the progress.

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS



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Biographical Sketch:

Vermont resident for 34 years; married; 17 year old daughter
Retired executive vice president, risk oversight, for a \$9 billion financial services company
Former general auditor; member Institute of Internal Auditors
Certified Fraud Examiner; Certified Protection Professional
Vietnam Veteran (Captain, Military Police Corps) – Bronze Star Medal & two Army Commendation Medals
Member, National Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Association; Vice Chair, International College Foundation Board of Directors
Member, Board of Directors, Vermont Educational & Health Buildings Finance Agency (issues tax exempt bonds)
Middlebury College graduate; Master of Arts degree from Yale

Position Statements:

Why are you running?

I am running because I believe deeply that the Auditor's job is critically important to Vermont and to her citizens, and that this office desperately needs improvement. This office demands three things: Leadership, Competence and Character. I believe that I meet the test in all three areas.

How will you approach the job?

As State Auditor, my focus will be on the accuracy and correctness of the financial statements of the state, on insuring that the taxpayers' dollars are being properly spent, on finding improvements that will lead to more efficient and more effective state government, and on rooting out fraud, waste and abuse in government programs. These areas affect the pocketbooks of every citizen of our state.

What is your vision of Auditing Vermont in the 21st Century?

First -- I'll return the office to the unbiased, non-partisan role it once had. It is critical that the State Auditor be perceived as independent, impartial, agenda-free and ethically above reproach. And, without regard to political party, I'll work cooperatively with the Governor, the Legislature and the agencies being audited. I pledge to call things as I see them, without fear or favor, and without using partisan politics as a litmus test for my findings.

Second -- I'll reengineer the audit function and process. I'll improve auditor training, introduce new audit tools and techniques, examine the mix of audit skills, and I'll replace the press release machine with real auditors. I'll appoint people who have audit skills instead of political ones. I'll work to anticipate problems, to review new systems during the design phase, and I'll develop a new risk-based audit plan to target examinations where they will do the most preventative good. I will act as a catalyst to ensure that audit recommendations that can save money are actually implemented and results measured, not simply reported in headlines.

Third -- I'll work with people in government and not simply antagonize them. I'll establish effective arms-length working relationships with the managers and state employees being audited so that the auditor is viewed as a partner working toward a common goal and not as an enemy. That goal is good government, sound financial reporting and numbers on which we can rely. I'll create an audit community in state government, one in which auditors at various state agencies and the State Auditor's office actually talk with one another, something they don't do today.

Fourth -- I'll see that there is an audit of the Auditor. There is none now. Peer reviews are not audits -- they look only at a very narrow slice of the work the office does. We audit everything in state government; the Auditor and the Auditor's office should not be immune from scrutiny.

Lastly -- I'll focus the efforts of the auditor's staff on the necessary but utterly unglamorous: producing solid, in-depth audit work, honestly and on time. This will be an auditor's office that will actually work with agencies to improve our internal controls, to solve problems and to fix things before they break. In other words, it'll be an auditor's office in which the people of the State of Vermont, regardless of their political affiliation, will again -- at long last -- have confidence.

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS



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Biographical sketch:

Elizabeth Ready was first elected State Auditor of Accounts in November 2000 and became the first Vermont woman to serve in that position. She was re-elected in 2002. Elizabeth is a lifelong Vermonter and currently resides in Lincoln. She has worked in the fields of adult education, housing, and conservation. She served for 12 years in the Vermont Senate, 6 years on the Senate Finance Committee, 6 years on the Senate Appropriations Committee, and 6 years on the Joint Fiscal Committee. She also chaired the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. She has three sons, Ethan, Owen, and Kevin.

Position Statements:

Improving the State's Financial Reporting to Maintain a Strong AA+ Bond Rating

My top goal is to continue to work closely with the Department of Finance and Management and the Treasurer's Office to improve the timeliness and accuracy of the State's financial reporting. The basic financial statements represent revenues and expenditures of approximately \$3.6 billion annually, including approximately \$1 billion in federal funds. Last year when this Office published its audit, the bond rating agencies reaffirmed Vermont's AA+ bond rating, the highest in New England. And this February the National Association of State Auditors gave our Office top marks in its peer review: an unqualified opinion with no management letter comments.

Saving Money & Improving Services

My second goal is to continue to produce high quality special reviews that, when fully implemented, result in millions in savings and improved services. For example, when our review found that the State did not maintain adequate controls over millions in information technology assets, the Douglas Administration took our recommendations. With a focus on improving business practices, training, and functionality, the State should realize stronger internal controls, more savings, and better service for its customers. When we found that mental health and health services contractors were billing the Department of Corrections for services that were never provided, the Legislature asked the Commissioner to put in place a plan to recoup funds, better manage contracts, and assure quality control. My Office used the lessons of this review to inspire a new manual on Contract Management.

Cutting Energy and Vehicle Expenses

In addition to audits of financial statements, my Office often makes special recommendations to improve efficiency. Last year we found that the State was not following its own energy efficiency plan and did not have a system for collecting energy consumption and cost data from all its buildings. Without this information, it is hard to plan energy-saving investments. We also found that the State lacked a good information system to manage the costs of owning, maintaining, and operating a fleet of over 2,000 passenger cars, trucks, police cruisers, and construction vehicles. The Douglas Administration is taking positive steps in both the energy and fleet areas that will produce millions in annual savings.

A Vision for the Future

I would like to thank you for the opportunity I have had for the last sixteen years to serve the people and the place that I love. It has been the greatest honor of my life. In the next two years I would like to continue as your independent watchdog, answering not to any governor, but directly to the taxpayer to: complete professional audits to maintain the State's strong bond rating; review personal services contracts to make sure outside contractors are providing staff hours and services according to contracts; assess technology and telecommunications investments to serve customers better; and promote improved budgeting methods so that the public and legislature can make decisions based on more complete information.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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Personal History:

Sixth Generation Vermonter
Graduate of UVM
Law Enforcement background, including undercover narcotics
Have been self-employed or an employer since 1973
Many dealings with THE STATE
Have realized that the current Attorney General is not doing his job.

Position Statements:

1. Current Attorney General is not doing his job: I have personally collected evidence of a crooked constable and a crooked judge. A State's Attorney forwarded this evidence to the Attorney General for prosecution. The Attorney General's Office did nothing for sixteen months, regardless of the States Attorney's frequent prodding. When finally realizing that they had to do something, the Attorney General's Office acknowledged criminal activity, but refused to prosecute. That criminal activity continues to this day.

2. Other examples of Bill Sorrell's negligence are surfacing regularly. As news about my Candidacy travels, more and more instances of inadequate investigations and lack of prosecutions are coming to light. Some are very serious and reflect Sorrell's unwillingness to prosecute politically sensitive or high profile cases. One that I know of directly affects the safety of patients in a hospital.

3. The current Attorney General is focusing his energy on national politics, and no one is minding the store in Vermont. The Attorney General has filed several law suits out of state; most with little or no interest to Vermonters. If Bill Sorrell thinks that his future is on the national scene, godspeed to him, but let's find someone who knows how to do the job in Vermont.

4. State Government should be friendlier to work with. I have been in business for many years, and as such I have had the "opportunity" to work with several departments of state government. They don't seem to know that they work for us, and are not our masters. A change in attitude is in order. The Attorney General is supposed to be the defender of the state, as well as the people of the state. The people have been forgotten, and it is now the state versus the people. The AG should be the moderator, finding the common ground where everyone can function.

5. The Attorney General, of all people, should know the limits of his authority. The laws of this state are made by the legislature, not by the attorney general. The new Label rules for "Made in Vermont" has to come from the Legislature, or power derived from the Legislature; not arbitrarily invoked by the Attorney General.

Similarly, The Attorney General has no authority to direct the law enforcement agencies in Vermont to enforce Federal laws. Only Federal agencies are empowered to do that. The Attorney General derives his authority from the Vermont Legislature to enforce the laws of Vermont.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Biographical Sketch:

Born in St. Johnsbury, VT, Feb. 7, 1952. Received B.A. in English from University of Maryland, European Division, 1980. Received law degree from Vermont Law School, 1986. Served as Orleans County Public Defender from 1987-1991; as Essex County State's Attorney from 1991-1995. Journalist from 1995-1998. Editor of Newport Daily Express from 1998-2001. Currently practice law in Newport. Currently serve on boards of directors of North Country Union High School and Coutts-Moriarty Camp. Secretary of Vermont Progressive Party. Married with three grown children.

Position Statement:

As Attorney General, I would fairly and equally enforce all of Vermont's laws; focus on issues impacting health, safety and welfare; and open the door to public input. Vermont should not be a state where justice exists only for those who can afford it. Everyone, regardless of position, status, or financial resources, must be held to the same standard. We do not need new laws, but to enforce the laws we have, without violating constitutional or civil rights.

I would establish a citizens advisory board, VOICE (Vermonters' Opinions In Community Efforts), to address matters of public policy. VOICE would give people an open door to the Attorney General's office.

I would also establish an independent investigative unit to review Woodward-type cases. This unit would consist of retired or former law enforcement officers of good standing, a lawyer familiar with law enforcement procedures and practices, and two appointed civilians. It would automatically investigate any incident, involving a law enforcement officer, in which someone was seriously injured or killed, and recommend a course of action to the Attorney General's Office.

Most law enforcement officers perform their duties with integrity, against difficult odds, and with limited resources. The perception of a cover-up in these matters creates an undue burden for law enforcement, casting a cloud over their credibility. My hope is that an independent unit, with law enforcement expertise, will restore public confidence in our police officers.

I would increase efforts to enforce Vermont's environmental laws, particularly where those laws directly impact the health of Vermonters. Vermont, and especially the Northeast Kingdom, have the highest breast cancer rates in the country. We have beaches closed to e. coli and drinking wells with high rates of coliform. I would work closely with the Department of Health to find the sources of these problems and, when possible, take action against those found responsible. We must ensure that the water we drink, the lakes where we swim, and the waters where we fish are not hazardous to our health.

I would ensure that Vermont workers are protected in their efforts to organize, that employers are not underpaying so-called contract workers who work as employees, that work environments are safe, and that workman's compensation claims are not unjustly denied.

I would encourage and support efforts to increase prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including mandating substance abuse treatment for first time offenders. I would seek maximum fines and jail time for first time street dealers and maximum penalties for repeat offenders. The battle to reduce the supply of illegal drugs is not enough, we must also reduce the demand, if we will make our communities safe.

When it comes to state government, the Attorney General's office should advise the legislature on the legality or constitutionality of pending legislation, not act as a lobbyist by advocating for a particular bill or trying to influence committee votes. The Attorney General's Office needs to do more listening and less talking.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



Candidate Name: KAREN A. KERIN
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Biographical Sketch:

Born: Barre, Vermont 1944
Married: 4 sons, 1 daughter, 1 stepdaughter, 13 grandchildren, 1 great grandson
Education: BSCE from UVM
MSEL from Vermont Law School
Doctorate in Law from Vermont Law School
Post Doctoral Study in Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law
Post Doctoral Study in International Law at University of Nottingham School of Law
Career: Private Industry in professional & management positions
Two years as appointed Director of Public Works (New Castle Co., DE)
Elected current Town Auditor for Royalton, VT
Current Director of World Institute of Human Rights and International Law
Elected Chair Royalton Republican Town Committee

Philosophy:

In all professions, the first step is gathering the facts to make an intelligent analysis. In law, I would apply the law after gathering the facts. Applying the law begins with conforming to the U.S. and Vermont Constitutions, before turning to statutes and court rules to avoid reversals on appeal where only the law is reviewed. I would not pursue special interest legal efforts, such as civil suits without the specific authorization of the legislature because it is the legislature that is the client of the Attorney General. The office is not a Constitutional one, but rather it is the legislature that created the office, hence it is the legislature that is the client.

With our Agency of Human Services busy with 235,000 clients in a state of only 610,000 people, there is a need to address the causes of this disproportion. Our burgeoning prisoner population is heavily weighted with drug offenders because this is an easy conviction requiring only proof of possession. The law needs to be reviewed to avoid imprisoning mere users to allow for greater focus on the more difficult crimes such as fraud. It is fraud in workman's compensation that is driving that program costs higher by 10% per year. Our welfare programs are overwhelmed by arrivals from other jurisdictions where they have exhausted their benefits. That is not only unfair to taxpayers and the cause of reduced benefits for the truly needy, but illegal as well. I will prosecute fraud.

Vermont has a long and unbroken tradition of protecting the right to bear arms. The result has been Vermont having the lowest violent crime rate in the nation because criminals seek defenseless victims, not the 80-90% of our households that have guns. I disagree strongly with the current Attorney General who supports Vermont police violating Article 5 of the Vermont Constitution by enforcing federal gun laws. He fails to heed the US Supreme Court that since the early 1800's has consistently stated that the job of the police is not to protect us, but rather to enforce the laws. I will support the rule of law, no matter who the offender may be. There will be no political or special interests serviced by the office if the people give me their trust.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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Biographical Sketch

Active for peace and social justice since he was a student at MIT during the 1960's, James Marc Leas is well known as a leader of IBM employee campaigns to restore pension and retirement medical benefits and compensate older IBMers laid off because of their age. He helped an effort in which all 50 state attorneys general signed an amicus brief to the US Supreme Court in a suit by Vietnam Veterans injured by Agent Orange. A patent lawyer, Jimmy is a member of the Vermont Bar, ACLU, National Lawyers Guild, and Vermont Green Party. Jimmy has two daughters.

Position Statements

War in Iraq

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan declared on September 15, 2004 that the war in Iraq is "illegal" and "in violation of the UN Charter."

Vermont tops the list of states for soldiers killed in Iraq, proportionate to population. Bush, Cheney, and other administration officials lied about weapons of mass destruction, connection to Al Qaeda, and bringing democracy to Iraq. More than 170 city councils passed resolutions against this war.

If elected I will organize a broad national coalition of attorneys general, labor unions, civic organizations, students, soldiers and their families, to file war crimes charges against Bush and Cheney for launching and continuing this illegal war.

I will sue to require large corporations to disgorge all profits gained from this war. The federal government must provide full medical and psychological support for soldiers.

No more Vermonters killed or injured to continue Bush=s illegal, immoral, and unjust war for oil. Bring them home now.

No torturing prisoners.

No new draft.

Constitutional rights:

The fourth amendment protects "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." It also says, "no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The Patriot Act tears up the fourth amendment. If elected I will file suit to declare it unconstitutional. I will protect free speech, assembly, and independent political action.

Corporations and their workers:

File suit to protect older workers disproportionately laid off by IBM in Vermont in violation of Vermont age discrimination statutes.

Raise wages to a living wage.

No offshoring jobs.

Heavily tax profits of large profitable corporations that lay off workers or cut pay or benefits.

No trade agreements that ship American jobs overseas or degrade pay and benefits.

Heavily tax executive pay derived from layoffs or cuts in pay/benefits.

Expand the right to organize unions.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant:

Stop the 20% "up rate." Stop the extension of Vermont Yankee's operating license.

Close Vermont Yankee now.

Support clean energy, including Vermont hydro, wind, and solar which can more than replace the electricity of Vermont Yankee without risk of catastrophic accident.

Health care:

Establish a single payer universal health care system to cover all Vermonters while maintaining choice, cutting administrative costs, and improving health care while lowering overall cost.

Yes to drug re-importation now.

Heavily tax enormous pharmaceutical company profits from gouging sick Americans.

No burden shifting from large corporations. Make Wal-Mart, IBM, and other large corporations pay the full cost of medical insurance for their employees and retirees.

Free elections:

Article 7 of our Vermont Constitution provides that "government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people." Thus, government is instituted for the people--not for the corporations. But corporations have taken over our governments.

End corporate domination of the electoral system. Get corporate money out completely. Implement Instant Runoff Voting to end the twin corporate party monopoly of political power.

19 A government of, by, and for the people, not the corporations.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



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Biographical Sketch

Attorney General since May of 1997, Burlington native Bill Sorrell graduated from Notre Dame and Cornell Law School. He served as Chittenden County State's Attorney two different times, separated by nearly eleven years of private law practice in a Burlington law firm. He was Secretary of Administration from 1992 until he became Attorney General. Bill successfully stood for election in 1998, 2000 and 2002. He is President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and in 2003 received the prestigious Kelley Wyman Award, given to the nation's outstanding attorney general. Bill lives in Burlington and has a teenaged daughter and son.

Position Statement

The most important function of the Attorney General's office is to work competently, energetically, and in a non-partisan manner to protect the health and safety of Vermonters and to competently represent the State in our courts. Such work will provide benefits in many areas, including environmental, civil rights, antitrust, consumer protection, and criminal law enforcement.

I believe our successful suit against the tobacco industry and our ongoing efforts to assure the responsible use of the monies owed the State from the settlement have done much to enhance the public perception of the responsibilities of the office. Still, there is much more that needs to be done that Vermonters will better understand and appreciate the important duties of this independent office.

I very much appreciate the support I have received from so many Vermonters during these last seven and one half years. If the voters reelect me, my pledge is to continue along the path we have been on during my term in office.

Important Issues

In the area of **consumer protection**, we should continue our lawsuits against companies for allegedly fraudulent conduct ranging from charitable solicitation drives to sweepstakes operations to prescription medication pricing activities. There should be continuing emphasis on consumer education, trying to prevent Vermonters, particularly our seniors, from falling prey to scam artists working through the mails, over the telephone, or door-to-door.

As for **environmental protection**, we need to aggressively pursue our court efforts against Midwestern coal-fired power plants that we allege are primarily responsible for the acid rain that is so destructive to some of Vermont's vegetation, water, and aquatic life, against the nation's major contributors to our global warming problems and against the Bush Administration attempts to water down our Clean Air Act protections.

In the **criminal** area, we need to redouble our efforts to combat the scourge of domestic violence in our homes. I also hope to see that we will enhance our resources to combat criminal conduct perpetrated by computers and via the Internet.

Looking to the future and the continually increasing ease of gathering and communicating personal information about individuals, **personal privacy issues** will become more and more important in this state and this country. I will continue to play a lead role in the public policy and legislative debates as these topics are addressed.

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

YOU MAY SEE A BALLOT IN ADVANCE

- Your town clerk has sample ballots for you to see at least 10 days before the election.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE

- Bring the person of YOUR CHOICE into the voting booth with you to help you vote. (Not your employer or union representative.)
- You can get help marking the ballot. Ask an election official for assistance. Two election officials will help you. (No one can tell you to how to vote!)
- Bring a magnifying glass or other device to help you vote.
- If you are disabled or ill, you may ask the election officials to bring a ballot out to your car.
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you vote. (You may not show your list to other voters or leave it in the booth.)

YOU CAN VOTE EARLY OR VOTE FROM HOME

- You can vote at the town clerk's office or take a ballot home to vote anytime 30 days before the election.
- Call the town clerk or sign a request form and the clerk will send you a ballot by mail.

YOU CAN GET A NEW BALLOT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE

- If you give your first ballot to an election official you can get another ballot to vote.
- You can get up to three ballots.

YOU MAY WRITE IN A CANDIDATE

- Write the name of the candidate on the write-in line.
- Place a sticker with the candidate's name on the write-in line.

YOUR BALLOT IS PRIVATE

- No one has the right to see how you voted or to ask you how you voted. Cast your ballot by either folding and placing your ballot in the ballot box or by inserting your ballot into the voting machine.

PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS

- Election officials are here to help you understand how to vote. They cannot help you decide which candidate or party to vote for.
- If you are not sure that you are being properly assisted, ask to speak to the presiding officer.

For more information please call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683) or email dcrossman@sec.state.vt.us.