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The Honorable Philip Scott
109 State Street, Pavilion
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Dear Governor Scott:

We write today to reaffirm the commitment of the members of the Vermont State Employees' Association to the right of all Vermonters to bargain collectively with their employer. All workers deserve the right to come together with their colleagues, look their employer in the eye across the bargaining table, and negotiate in good faith.

Collective bargaining has resulted in virtually all of the important labor protections that Vermonters currently enjoy, and nobody in this state should be denied the right to participate in this crucial process. Collective bargaining is part of the fundamental fabric of this state—it is a part of the Vermont Way.

The educators of this state play an unparalleled role in shaping the lives of young people, and preparing future generations of Vermonters to thrive in economic landscape of the future.

We stand with Vermont's hardworking teachers, and urge you to stand with us—by protecting collective bargaining rights for Vermont's teachers.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Employees' Association

cc: Members of the Vermont General Assembly