

JIM DOUGLAS  
GOVERNOR

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Dear James,

There is never a dull moment in Vermont politics! You best be sitting down for this story.

After an unwavering coalition of Republican and moderate Democrat legislators sustained my veto of H.520 - a measure that would have *raised taxes* and created a *brand new bureaucracy* in the name of fighting global climate change - I thought we'd be able to return our focus to the issues most important to working Vermonters. These are issues like property tax relief, affordable homeownership, and reducing health care costs.

But the Democrat leadership, led by Senator Peter Shumlin and House Speaker Gaye Symington, had something else in mind - something entirely out of left field. In a stunning distraction from the real challenges facing Vermonters, **the Democrat leadership has decided to launch a nine-month public campaign on gay marriage, despite the fact that Vermont has already achieved equality under the law.**

It's really an amazing turn. Despite the pressing need for tax relief - despite the rising costs of basic goods and services for a family - and despite the challenges businesses large and small face every day - time and again, the Democrat leadership has focused on a far-left agenda that is not in line with the real needs of working Vermont families.

We cannot allow Democrat leaders to ignore the biggest challenges and greatest needs of the people of Vermont. That is why your continued support is critical.

Though I am proud of all we've accomplished so far for the people of Vermont, there is still much more work to do - and there will undoubtedly be a host of bad ideas and tax hikes to beat back in the coming years!

Leaders of both the Vermont Democrat Party and the Vermont Progressive Party know that I will continue to stand between them and their misguided schemes. They have promised to mount aggressive challenges against me, which is why we need to:

**Raise \$75,000 in the next 30 days!**

Over, please . . .

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Thank you for all of your support over the last five years. Without your confidence in me and your steadfast financial assistance, the Vermont political landscape would look very different - and Vermonters' wallets would be a lot lighter! But with your continued support, I will keep pushing *our* agenda of job creation, tax relief, and affordability for Vermont residents.

Your generous contribution for one of the suggested amounts on your personal reply form will help us reach our \$75,000 goal and be prepared for whatever next year brings.

It has become clear that this Democrat-led legislature is so far out of the mainstream that they have completely lost touch with the issues most affecting the people of this state. With your help, we will continue our efforts to beat back their tax proposals and focus on what matters most to Vermonters - **making our state more affordable**. The legislative leaders have proven they are not committed to removing the obstacles to job growth so we must fight back and resist each and every tax increase they propose.

With your help, I will continue to stand up for working Vermonters. I will continue to fight to make Vermont more affordable for families, new college graduates, seniors, and small businesses - for every Vermonter who struggles to make ends meet.

Our vision for Vermont is clear and bold, and it will take all of us working together to see it through. Please help me send a message to the out-of-the-mainstream Democrats who refuse to focus on the people's agenda that we are serious about the next election, that we won't take anything for granted, and that we will not allow our taxes to be raised. And that starts with our \$75,000 August fundraising goal.

Your contribution for one of the suggested amounts will signal your support for my common sense leadership and help us reach our summer fundraising goal.

Thank you in advance for your prompt and generous reply. I truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



Jim Douglas  
Governor

P.S. *The Democrats and Progressives have joined forces with some big-money special-interest groups to defeat me.* They are going door-to-door this summer criticizing me, House Republicans, and even moderate Democrats who dared to stand up for common sense. They are also frantically raising money from their top supporters. Let's show them what the real Vermont agenda should be! Please help us reach our \$75,000 goal by returning a generous contribution in the envelope provided. Thank you!