

FORMER GOP CHAIRMAN ROB ROPER



Dear Friend,

I am writing to you in support of Jason Gibbs' campaign for Vermont Secretary of State.

From November 2008 to May 2010, Jason ran the Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation Department (FPR). He came into that job with a bold vision for how state government can provide better service while using less tax dollars. In a short time, he delivered very impressive results.

Under Jason's leadership, FPR cut its General Fund, taxpayer financed spending by about 30 percent, streamlined its management structure, and adopted a creative, entrepreneurial approach to the way it does business. The detailed list of accomplishments is too long to list here, but the bottom

line results speak for themselves:

- Timber harvesting (conducted by private loggers) up 28 percent
- Park visits and corresponding local economic activity increased nearly 10 percent last summer, and
- The entire state park system is on a path to totally eliminate its reliance on any taxpayer dollars whatsoever!

This is the kind of fiscally conservative, results-driven leadership we need more of in Vermont, and this is at the heart of why I am supporting Jason Gibbs for Secretary of State.

Jason's governing philosophy is a new type of Entrepreneurial Public Management guided by the principles that, in Jason's own words: "*Government can do more good with fewer programs, limited regulation, little intrusion into the private lives of citizens who empower it, and fewer tax dollars. The result will be a free and innovative economy that offers every new generation the opportunity to be more prosperous than those that came before them.*"

It's refreshing to find a leader who says this and means it. **[It's extraordinary to find a leader who says this and proves it!](#)**

Electing Jason Gibbs is a rare opportunity we can't afford to overlook.

The fact that he served for six years with distinction as a senior aide, press secretary and Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs for Governor Jim Douglas gives me confidence that **we could not ask for a better, more qualified, and articulate spokesperson for our core principles at the statewide level.**

I have known Jason Gibbs personally and worked with him now for five years. He has always proven himself to be an honest, thoughtful, and loyal public servant, as well as a good friend. **Please join me in doing all you can to support his candidacy for Secretary of State as we all work toward building a long-term foundation for the prosperity and success of Vermont.**

Sincerely,

Rob Roper
Chairman, VTGOP (Feb. '07 - Nov. '09)

PS-Please join me in supporting Jason's exciting campaign to transform state government today by making an online contribution, signing up for email alerts or joining Jason's Facebook Team at www.gowithgibbs.com today!