

May 8, 2026
Judge Thomas Zonay
Chief Superior Court Judge
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05601

Re: Establishing an Accountability Docket in Windham County

Dear Judge Zonay,

Windham County experiences one of the busiest criminal dockets in the State of Vermont, and the undersigned parties are writing this letter to respectfully request the establishment of an Accountability Docket in the Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Windham County averages approximately 420 cases per attorney, which is the second highest in the state. We experience an average of 112 filings per month, trailing behind Rutland, Washington, and Chittenden. The 2025 filings exceeded 2024 levels and this trend is expected to hold through 2026.

As you are aware, a cohort of parties recently held a meeting with members of the executive branch and the Windham County legislative delegation. These parties included various social service providers such as the Brattleboro Retreat, Groundworks Collaborative, and HCRS. The meeting also included stakeholders such as the Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs, the Windham State's Attorney, the Public Defender's Office, the Brattleboro Police Department, and municipal leadership.

All of the involved parties expressed strong support and a willingness to engage with an Accountability Docket in Windham County. Since the meeting, the parties have begun their own internal reviews to identify the specific services they may provide and any additional resources they may request from the executive branch. Additionally, the Agency of Human Services has been consulted and stands ready to assist and deploy services.

The undersigned parties respectfully request the judiciary establish an Accountability Docket in Windham County, beginning on or around July 15, 2026. Further, we request that the docket initially operate five days a week, unless it is later determined that the same level of efficiency can be substantially met with fewer days a week.

We would be happy to meet with members of the judiciary to discuss this proposal further.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Sen. Nader Hashim - Windham District

Sen. Wendy Harrison - Windham District

Rep. Zon Eastes - Windham 1

Rep. Laura Sibia - Windham 2

Rep. Leslie Goldman - Windham 3

Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun - Windham 3

Rep. Mike Mrowicki - Windham 4

Rep. Emily Long - Windham 5

Rep. Emily Carris-Duncan - Windham 6

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser - Windham 7

Rep. Mollie Burke - Windham 8

Rep. Ian Goodnow - Windham 9

Steven Brown, Esq., Windham County State's Attorney

Mimi Brill, Esq., Supervising Attorney of the Windham County Public Defender

Tim Lueders-Dumont, Office of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

Sheriff Mark Anderson, Windham County

Chief Jeremy Evans, Brattleboro Police Department

John Potter, Brattleboro Town Manager

Anne Bilodeau, CEO of HCRS

Kate Lamphere, Chief Clinical Services Officer of HCRS

Libby Bennett, Executive Director of Groundworks Collaborative

Erik Rosenbauer, Vice-President of Operations at the Brattleboro Retreat