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Subject: Please do the right thing!

Good morning Michael, Alison, Philip, Becca, David, and Kayla,

Today is the day that YOU can make a difference for your fellow Vermonters, particularly for state employees, like yourselves, who work hard for the State to provide the best services for Vermonters in the most economical fashion. We have a contract offer on the table from the Governor, which does not keep pace with the cost of living increase, so therefore, it essentially amounts to a pay cut. Add to that an increase in health care co-pays, and you can see that you are doing a dis-service to the hard-working employees that keep the State running on a daily basis.

However, today YOU each have a chance to dig in your heels and make a difference, and that is to level the playing field at the VLRB by denying Ms Karen O'Neil's tenure as a "neutral" party. Again, Ms. O'Neil may be a competent person in her own right, but her work history and her choice of employer leaves much to doubt that she is qualified to be a "neutral" party/member on the board.

If you do not have a chance to review this appeal before your hearing this morning, I would strongly suggest that your Committee Assistant, Ms. Kayla Dewey, read it as evidence at the hearing. I would be there myself, however, I have important work to accomplish today in my job with the Rail & Aviation Bureau.

Thanks for your time, and please, do the right thing and un-rig the jury by denying Ms. O'Neil's position on the VLRB.

Sincerely, from the heart,

Bob Atchinson