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Good evening.

Although I am certainly against the owning of any human being by another human being I feel like there is a current move on to touch the Vermont State Constitution in more ways than one. What is the purpose, where is the need to prohibit slavery in our day and do that through the Vermont State Constitution? Is there a misplaced feeling somewhere amongst some Vermont Legislators or Senators that the south is about to rise again? Please, leave the constitution alone. There does not seem to me to be any need to adjust the Vermont State Constitution on the matter of slavery or any other matter. Hold that document sacred as it is or the general population will have lost another compass and mooring with the developed feeling that everything needs to be adjusted to the current trends though the highest document of our state. If the thinking has to do with sex trafficking, deal with that through the legislature and not through a change in the Vermont State Constitution. Changing the constitution has the potential to open up legal doors that lawyers, judges and courts would feel a need to walk through potentially even in areas this amendment's creators can not even image. Please. Leave the Vermont State Constitution alone as it is.

And, thank you for listening to me.

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