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Dear Amber Burke, Please make sure each member of the Judiciary Committee gets a copy of my letter and editorial. Thank-you.

Dear Members of the Vermont Legislature,

I would like to address S265.

It saddens me to watch our Representatives in many of the Bills introduced and passed to be somewhat out of touch with the purpose of being a representative and S265 is one of them.

I believe if you asked yourself 3 questions when writing up a bill and/or deciding on a bill you all would be more effective.

Question #1: Is this law in line with the Constitution of the USA and also Vermont?

Question #2: Will this law help the people in my district whom I have been elected to represent?

- Did you contact eg: Carpenters, Drug dependents etc., whoever has skin in the game of the laws you are considering, and invite them to a round table discussion about the issues. Weighing their input heavily.
- Who is the focus of the law? The people? The Government- more taxes, more spending? Yourselves? Laws for "WE", but special ones for thee?...Like S265?

Question #3: Is this law really necessary?

- Freedom is incredibly Important!!!! It must be preserved!

- SOOOO many constitutional rights were trampled on in these last 2 years through medical tyranny and I believe the next perpetrator will be the “green” schemes.
- Freedom to choose for myself. Whether I want to wear a mask, get vaccinated, own guns, have solar panels, drive an electric car, have privacy in my banking, Integrity in my vote, freedom to travel and most of all to be heard...to air grievances to our government without prejudice and /or retaliation. ....S265?

I see many of the laws you are putting forth are creating divisions. Making life harder for the residents of Vermont and it has always been hard to live in Vermont! I can't help but get the feeling that your loyalties lie elsewhere. Please prove me wrong.

Sincerely, Wendy Bucchieri

I've attached an editorial I sent to the newspapers and also have it in the body below:

### S265: Public Servants or Privileged Elites?

S265 just passed the Vermont Senate and has already had its first reading in the House and has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. “This bill-(In its own words), purposes to expand the scope of the crime of criminal threatening to include threats to third persons. The bill also proposes eliminating a person's lack of intent, or inability to carry out the threat as an affirmative defense.”

In section h of this bill the Senators list themselves and all public servants as special recipients, with special mention to the protections of being threatened. This bill expands the “Threat” for themselves and it's definitions but diminishes the ‘We the Vermonters’ ability to be innocent until proven guilty. Not having to prove ‘intent’ allows this bill to be used to violate, or at least to really dampen our ability to address our elected officials with grievances. If someone gets emotional or heated because they don't like the direction a school board or elected officials are going in, are they in danger of being arrested, since it appears “threatening” to them. The law is very subjective.

And don't say it can't happen. We saw DHS Secretary Mayorkas, call for parents protesting at school board meetings to be treated as domestic terrorists. Free speech is definitely under attack.

In this divisive time, we need to see our legislators looking out for the people they represent-not for themselves. Any laws made that elevates one group of people over another causes division. The fact that these Senators have elevated themselves above the people that they are supposed to be servants of is telling.

Our laws should be plainly stated for all citizens period!

My advice for public officials in this hour. IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT, THEN DON'T TAKE THE SEAT!

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