



31 May 2023

Representative Martin Lalonde, Chair
Representative Michael McCarthy, Vice Chair
Special Committee on Impeachment
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Re: Inquiry proposed rules

Dear Rep. Lalonde and Rep. McCarthy,

I write to you today in support of the Vermont Press Association's pursuit to open impeachment inquiry proceedings to the public and journalists as outlined in their letter and the supporting analysis drafted by attorney Matt Byrne of Gravel & Shea.

On behalf of our independent newsroom, WCAX lends its voice to the call that proceedings concerning the conduct of officials elected by the people of Vermont, as in this impeachment, are matters of innate public interest, and that the work of this Committee – not just its final output – belong to the people of Vermont. We ask that the Committee reconsider the rules of the inquiry and reopen the doors of this process to provide transparency to the people.

Thank you for your service to our state, please consider how these changes will allow you to serve Vermonters better through transparency in this unique process.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JBarton", with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

Jay Barton
Vice President and General Manager
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