

Dear Honorable Members of the Judicial Retention Committee:

I speak against Judge Jiron's re-appointment to the Vermont Judiciary. Judge Jiron's judicial self-experimental advocacy from the bench puts OUR lives, safety, and property directly in harm's way. The good hard working / retired / tourists in Caledonia and Essex counties expect to be free from repeat criminal offenders. Judge Jiron inexplicably releases repeat offenders back into OUR communities with little to no regard to the facts. Judge Jiron plays a VERY LARGE, albeit perhaps aiding and abetting, roll in the increase of both petty and serious crimes in the Northeast Kingdom. It is indisputable Judge Jiron's judicial leniency experiment has direct ties to at least one homicide (within a 100 yards of my home!), serious increase of drug dealing, assaults, and thefts! Due in part to Judge Jiron, the increase of OUR children and young adults becoming drug addled is REAL. Please ponder that for a moment.

As someone who continues to work in law enforcement (out of state) for more than 35 years, I cannot express more deeply how Judge Jiron's actions demoralize not only OUR communities, but OUR entire public safety workers. Not to mention the significant financial costs the NEK towns (hospitals) must spend on responding, arresting, investigating these repeat offenders. Judge Jiron is a dream come true for career criminals. Judge Jiron is a real living nightmare for OUR community and victims.

One does not have to work in law enforcement to understand how dangerous Judge Jiron is to OUR community.

I highly recommend that each of you research Judge Jiron in the local newspaper, you will find the basis for my, and so many others, that Judge Jiron is not worthy of another judicial appointment.

If you lived in the communities "served" by Judge Jiron, you would significantly increase your self-defense and worry about your children's safety. Lest he shows up in your judicial district someday.

Be brave and reject Judge Jiron. I promise you this, whatever Judge Jiron states to your committee about "changing" and agreeing to be "mentored", outside of feeling embarrassment for him, he will not change. Otherwise, he already would have. Judge Jiron is a smart man, and willfully ignored the pleas from OUR communities about releasing repeat offenders. Now his job is on the line and suddenly he "gets it".

The future of released offenders will not solely be on Judge Jiron if he gets reappointed. Send him packing! And if you do not, please reassigne him to YOUR judicial district and enjoy the judicical experiments of "Judge" Jiron.

Sincerely Yours,

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