

# Orange | Restorative County | Justice Center

Location: 3 Court Street, Chelsea VT 05038

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To: VT Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Confirmation of H. Dickson Corbett to the Vermont Superior Court

As director of the Orange County Restorative Justice Center, I have had the good fortune of working with State's Attorney Corbett for many years. I whole heartedly support Governor Scott's appointment of Attorney Corbett to the Vermont Superior Court. I have great respect for Attorney Corbett's discernment and the care he takes in determining the best avenue for repair and justice when crime occurs. Our court system will greatly benefit from his deep knowledge, experience, and practical understanding of how crime and our criminal court system impact individuals, families, and our communities.

As an organization that works outside of the traditional court system, I have greatly valued Dickson's willingness to learn about our approach and partner with us to make the best use of restorative programs. In Orange County, Dickson has actively engaged and brought together the offices and agencies involved with the court system, to foster communication and collaboration. In all regards, I have seen Dickson's commitment to serving the needs of those harmed by crime in Orange County while holding those responsible for the harm accountable. In collaborating with our programs, he has also shown investment in providing people responsible for crime an opportunity to repair the harm they caused, to make change within themselves and to rebuild a positive connection with the community.

I can't close this letter without mentioning Dickson's compassion. Our court system often intersects with people having experienced the worst moments of their life and being brought into a process that feels complex and out of their control. As a prosecutor, he treats people involved with cases before the court with dignity, offering each person his calm demeanor, his patience, and his willingness to listen and to explain.

Sincerely,



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