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Dear Honorable Kathleen James,

Please examine with care the enclosed Lawful Notification of Corrective Action.

This Notice is brought forward in light of legislative support for measures that materially undermine local stewardship of the land, including Act 181 and H.527, and in response to continued and untenable increases in property taxation without demonstrable excellence in outcomes for soil vitality, agricultural resilience, ecological stability, or meaningful educational investment in stewardship grounded in organic and regenerative practice.

There has been no serious structural effort to educate future generations in the responsibilities of land stewardship, nor to materially expand and empower Vermont's small and mid-sized farms, despite well-documented evidence that diversified small-scale agricultural systems can significantly increase productivity per acre and enhance carbon sequestration capacity. Where climate resilience is invoked as a policy priority, the absence of proportional investment in regenerative agricultural expansion presents a troubling inconsistency in public policy.

The cumulative direction of governance in these areas reflects a departure from the constitutional obligation to secure the common benefit and to faithfully exercise the People's retained sovereign police power in protection of life and land.

It is therefore incumbent upon me to deliver this Notice of Correction of Maladministration and to request your careful review and conscientious response.

I hope you receive many such notices. The concerns expressed herein are not isolated; they are echoed consistently in the voices of those with whom I speak across our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the serious reflection it warrants.

Respectfully,

[Your Name] Steve Berry

LAWFUL NOTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION

NOTICE OF MALADMINISTRATION AND DEMAND FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REALIGNMENT

Concerning Protection of Life, Soil Integrity, and the Right to Clean Food

Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal; Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent.

This Notice is issued as a foundational statement of constitutional principle and fiduciary expectation. It is not partisan and is not directed at any individual, but at the structure of governance itself.

We, the undersigned People of the State of Vermont, Sui Juris, acting in defense of constitutional trust and common benefit, do hereby issue this Lawful Notification of Corrective Action to Prevent Maladministration.

SUMMARY

Please take notice that this Notification addresses cumulative maladministration in legislative and administrative actions affecting agricultural governance, regulatory burden, centralization of authority, and insufficient protection of the People's retained sovereign police power in defense of life, soil vitality, and ecological stability.

Please take notice that documented agricultural consolidation, increasing barriers to entry for regenerative stewards, disproportionate compliance burdens, and diminished local participatory governance warrant constitutional realignment.

Corrective reform is hereby demanded.

I. SOVEREIGN FOUNDATION

Please take notice that under Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution:

- The People possess natural, inherent, and unalienable rights.
- Government is instituted solely for the protection of those rights.
- Officers are trustees and servants accountable at all times.
- Sovereignty originates in the People.

Please take notice that the People retain sovereign police power as an incident of self-governance and have delegated its exercise to the institutions of the State solely in trust and solely for common benefit.

Delegated authority may not be diminished, surrendered, or exercised contrary to the protection of life and ecological integrity.

II. RETAINED SOVEREIGN POLICE POWER

Please take notice that the People of Vermont retain sovereign police power in protection of life, bodily integrity, soil vitality, and ecological stability.

Please take notice that such retained authority shall be affirmatively asserted, specifically reflected, and faithfully executed by all public servants as fiduciary trustees, and shall not be diminished, surrendered, or subordinated through statutory centralization, regulatory accommodation, or voluntary deference.

Failure to assert such authority where protection of life and land is implicated constitutes maladministration of delegated trust.

III. STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS REQUIRING CORRECTION

Please take notice that measurable decline in small and mid-sized farms, disproportionate regulatory burden, increasing compliance complexity, and concentration of economic influence demonstrate structural conditions inconsistent with constitutional common benefit.

Please take notice that regenerative and locally rooted agricultural stewardship materially advances soil vitality, biodiversity, food resilience, and ecological stability.

Governance must materially support and empower such stewardship rather than displace it.

IV. POSITIVE RIGHT TO CLEAN AND UNADULTERATED FOOD

Please take notice that the People of Vermont possess a natural, inherent, and unalienable right to food that is clean, wholesome, and unadulterated, free from involuntary chemical contamination or toxic drift that materially impairs bodily integrity or ecological vitality.

Please take notice that the State holds an affirmative fiduciary duty to protect this right and to prevent materially harmful intrusion upon land, soil, water, and food systems.

Protection of life requires no less.

V. CONDITIONS GIVING RISE TO OBJECTION

Please take notice that constitutional objection arises when governance outcomes consistently:

- Increase burdens upon regenerative agricultural stewards;
- Concentrate economic advantage among the wealthiest few;
- Reduce or prohibit local participatory oversight in preservation of constitutional rights to life;
- Fail to materially support and economically empower regenerative agricultural stewards whose work directly advances soil vitality, food resilience, and ecological stability;
- Fail to actively recognize, restore, and incorporate historically rooted indigenous and locally embedded ecological stewardship knowledge that remains essential to regenerative land practice.

Such pattern constitutes grounds for constitutional objection that delegated authority is not being exercised in full fidelity to public trust.

The People therefore request corrective realignment through lawful and orderly constitutional means.

VI. CORRECTIVE ACTION DEMANDED

Please take notice that corrective reform is demanded as follows:

1. Establishment of an Independent Constitutional and Agricultural Stewardship Review Commission composed substantially of regenerative agricultural stewards, soil scientists, constitutional scholars, and community representatives.
2. Comprehensive public audit of cumulative regulatory burden on small and mid-sized farms.
3. Structural restoration and protection of local participatory authority in agricultural and land-use governance.
4. Affirmative and faithful execution of the People's retained sovereign police power in all matters affecting life, soil integrity, and ecological vitality.
5. Formal referral of a constitutional amendment recognizing the positive right to clean and unadulterated food and regenerative agricultural stewardship.

VII. CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDY

Proposed Article — Right to Clean Food and Stewardship

All individuals possess a natural, inherent, and unalienable right to clean, wholesome, and unadulterated food, free from involuntary chemical contamination or toxic drift that materially impairs bodily integrity or ecological vitality.

The People retain the inherent right to grow, raise, produce, harvest, store, and save seed and food of their choosing, provided such actions do not constitute trespass upon private property or public lands.

The People retain the inherent right to steward land in furtherance of regenerative and ecologically sound agricultural practice, and the State shall affirmatively protect and uphold these rights in fulfillment of its constitutional duty to secure the common benefit.

VIII. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

Please take notice that written response is requested within thirty (30) calendar days addressing the corrective actions set forth herein.

Failure to respond shall be entered into the public record as non-rebuttal of the constitutional concerns raised.

The People reserve all lawful constitutional remedies.

IX. SERVICE

This May Be Served Upon:

- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Attorney General
- Speaker of the House
- President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Chairs of relevant committees
- Individual Members of the General Assembly
- Relevant Executive Officers and Public Servants Exercising Delegated Authority Under the Constitution of the State of Vermont

X. PEACE AND RESTORATION

This Notice is issued in fidelity to republican order and constitutional trust.

The objective is restoration of alignment between governance, protection of life, ecological integrity, and common benefit.

Peace to the People. Fidelity to the Constitution. Love of Creator.

Affirmed and Issued by the Undersigned People of the State of Vermont

Name: Steven E. Berry all rights reserved.

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Signature: Steven E. Berry

Date: Feb 26, 2026