

Dear Senator Hashim and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

I am writing in Support of S. 151. I have been a Selectboard member in Woodstock, VT since 2023, before that I served on the town's Planning Commission. Despite my short time as an appointed and elected official, I have been named in several suits.

The threat of legal action and the protracted legal battles I have seen play out has made me reconsider continuing public service. In addition, I know it is a prohibitive risk for others that I have tried to encourage to run for office or serve on a volunteer board.

I believe this bill would go far to help folks who want to better their communities through volunteer work.

Sincerely,
Laura Powell