

To the Vermont Judiciary Committee<

I urge you to reject Governor Scott's appointment of Michael Drescher for a lifetime position on the Vermont Supreme Court on the basis of a report concerning his qualifications in the current Seven Days and the recent Valley News editorial (<https://vnews.com/2026/01/16/vermont-supreme-court-nominee-drescher/>).

I am despairing that political opposition to the Trump administration is hobbled by persons unable to defend the rule of law. Michael Drescher clearly acted as a political entity when his responsibility was to the US and Vermont Constitutions and their rules regarding rights and evidence.

We have a federal government allowing masked murder by ICE, as happened to an ICU nurse in Minneapolis this morning. Vermont's time to be tested will come. We require rule by law, not whim, and courageous defenders of our civil rights and liberty not spineless apologists for fascism.

Best Regards, Paul

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