

Dear Senators Hashim, Norris, Vyhovsky and Baruth,

This letter is submitted in support of Governor Scott's nomination of Michael Drescher to serve as a Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court. Prior to my retirement, I served as the United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Vermont. In that capacity, there were many occasions in which Attorney Drescher appeared before me as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. It is my opinion that Mr. Drescher is an excellent lawyer who possesses a superb intellect and has the legal skills and acumen to serve on the Court with great distinction.

More importantly, Attorney Drescher strongly believes in the rule of law and the need for the due process of law. He has always been an ardent defender of the concepts of individual liberty embodied in the Bill of Rights and the protections afforded to individuals by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Vermont. It is my opinion that he has dedicated his career to the preservation of equal protection under the law.

Mr. Drescher also possesses the highest personal integrity and ethical values. Crucially, he understands the challenges faced everyday by hard working Vermonters, as well as the frailties of the human condition. On a personal level, Mr. Drescher is also one of the kindest persons I have the honor to know.

I strongly urge you to confirm the Governor's nomination of Michael Drescher as a Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court.

Honorable John M. Conroy (ret.)