

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you to ask for your support of Michael Drescher for the Vermont Supreme Court. In the 8 years that I have been neighbors with the Drescher family, every interaction that I have had with Mike has shown him to be a person of integrity and strong moral character. I have tremendous admiration and respect for him as a thoughtful, considerate, and caring human being.

At a time when the president repeatedly undermines both our constitution and our democracy, it is my hope that the legislature will not fault a public servant for carrying out his duties with integrity. If we fail to support professionals like Mr. Drescher, we risk normalizing political pressure in places where independence and the rule of law must prevail. Vermont should be grateful that its U.S. attorney's office has been led by someone committed to legal principles rather than partisan fealty.

Nothing in Mike's conduct suggests political loyalty to any administration. He is a skilled and knowledgeable attorney, guided by respect for the law above all else. He is well prepared to serve the people of Vermont with fairness, independence, and integrity on the Vermont Supreme Court. I urge you to make it clear that Vermonters who value democracy stand behind public servants who uphold it. Please confirm Michael Drescher and allow Vermont to benefit from a Supreme Court justice who brings intelligence, sound judgment, and integrity to the bench.

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