

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am a resident of Starksboro writing with concerns about Governor Scott's appointments of Michael Drescher and Christina Nolan to the Vermont Supreme Court.

Michael Drescher, as a state attorney, has consistently enforced policies of the U.S. Justice Department under President Donald Trump and represented ICE in court. He personally prosecuted Rumeysa Ozturk and Mohsen Mahdawi. He cannot respect the law while defending the organization which murdered Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

This makes him unfit to interpret the law in Vermont, or any state which respects life, liberty, and freedom of speech.

In addition, he filed federal charges that carry the death penalty for the first time in state cases in years.

During the first Trump administration, Christina Nolan looked the other way while immigrant families were separated and their children were detained in cages. In addition, her excuse for a recent violation of gun laws rings hollow. It is poor judgement, especially in her career, to enroll in a gun safety course only after you have been found in violation of the law.

Both of these justices have demonstrated a lack of ethics and poor judgement, at a time when strong moral and ethical character is lacking in our present government. This should disqualify them from a lifetime appointment to the Vermont Supreme Court. For these reasons I would ask that you reject both of these nominations and ask Governor Scott to select more suitable candidates.

Please do not confirm these appointments.

Sincerely,

Susan Reaber