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PRESS RELEASE

**Secretary of State Jim Condos Comments
On the Supreme Courts Voting Rights Act Ruling**

Montpelier, VT – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos released the following statement after the Supreme Court’s 5-4 ruling against section 4 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act:

“I am deeply saddened by the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn one of the central legislative achievements of the civil rights movement, today. While great progress has been made since the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the fight for voter equality is far from won.

“To see just how crucial the Voting Rights Act is even today, all one has to do is look at the restrictions on early voting and the photo ID laws that were proposed across the country in the 2012 elections cycle; the Voting Rights Act is one of our greatest protections against voter discrimination.

“As Vermont’s chief elections officer, I am interested in seeing America expand, - not restrict, - its citizen’s right to participate in Democracy. This decision by the Supreme Court to overturn a key provision of the Voting Rights Act stands against that right.”

Jim Condos is Vermont’s Secretary of State.