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**Press Release**

**Secretary of State Jim Condos Calls on Congress to Mandate Open and  
Transparent Proceedings for Debt Reduction Super Committee**

Montpelier, VT - Secretary of State Jim Condos sent a letter (attached) to United States Senate and House Leaders regarding the recently announced Debt Reduction Super Committee. In his letter, Secretary Condos reminds our country's leaders that all eyes are upon them and that it is imperative for them to conduct themselves in an open and transparent manner.

*"I urge you to take the appropriate steps to mandate that this Debt Reduction Super Committee accomplish its work in the open, under the watchful eyes of all American citizens. Closing the doors to transparency will only foster further distrust of our leaders,"* Condos states in his letter.

The letter has been sent to the Honorable Speaker of the House John Boehner, the Honorable House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, the Honorable House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, the Honorable Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and the Honorable Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, with copies to Vermont's Congressional Delegation.

*"As I have stated before, open government is good government, and I am committed to asking our country's leaders to hold the same high standard that Vermonters expect here."*

Secretary of State Jim Condos has over 20 years of elected public service, including 18 years at the local level and 8 years as a Vermont State Senator, in addition to more than 30 years of private sector business experience.

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