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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Secretary of State Jim Condos Applauds President Obama's  
Call for Election Reform**

Montpelier, VT – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos issued the following statement after President Barack Obama’s speech to the Illinois State Legislature on Wednesday, February 10.

“President Obama should be applauded for devoting his speech to putting aside partisan politics and working to build a better and more modern electoral system” Secretary Condos stated.

“Here in Vermont, I am proud to have successfully implemented a new Election Management IT System that provides for a more secure and accurate statewide voter checklist, allows voters to register to vote online, and provides each registered voter with their own unique webpage allowing them to manage their registration and request and track an absentee ballot online.”

President Obama has also called for Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) to be adopted across this great nation. I strongly support implementation of AVR in Vermont. AVR was first passed in Oregon and then California. H.458, introduced by Representative Chris Pearson (P-Burlington), would add Vermont to that list.

“Voting is the very basis of our democracy and I echo President Obama’s call to have every state remove barriers to voting and work to make it easier for all Americans to register and cast their ballots.”

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