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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Lt. Governor, Sec. of State & Legislators Encourage Town Meeting Day Participation and Voting**

***Voter Registration for Town Meeting & Presidential Primary Ends Wednesday***

*Montpelier, Vt.* – Lt. Governor Phil Scott, Secretary of State Jim Condos, House and Senate leaders, and legislators on Tuesday urged Vermonters to participate in Town Meeting, vote in local elections and cast their ballots in the presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 1.

The tri-partisan coalition of elected leaders stressed the importance of voter participation.

“For elected leaders to be effective and accountable – and for all of our voices to be heard in the organization of government at every level – we all have a responsibility to vote in our local, state and national elections,” said Lt. Gov. Scott. “With tools like early voting and absentee ballots, there’s very little reason to miss a vote. And we should all be very grateful for how hard Vermont’s town clerks work to make voting convenient, while diligently protecting the integrity of our elections. Vermont could not do it without them.”

Secretary of State Jim Condos said our system of government works better than any other because all people have a right to participate in its organization.

“Our rights to vote are enshrined in both the United States and the Vermont Constitutions,” Sec. Condos said, “and I believe that we should work continuously to protect, and eliminate unnecessary barriers to, this critically important right,”

Sec. Condos added, “Today we are asking every Vermonter to do their civic duty and be fully aware of the upcoming registration deadlines and requirements for participation in Town Meeting Day elections, as well as the state primary in August and the general election in November. And we want you to urge your family members, friends, and neighbors to register and vote as well.”

The last day to register to vote on Town Meeting Day, and in the presidential primary, is 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 24. To register to vote online, or for more information on Vermont's elections, visit the [Secretary of State's website](#).

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