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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Secretary of State Jim Condos Attends the 2016  
Pew Charitable Trusts 'Voting in America' Conference**

*Montpelier* –Secretary of State Jim Condos traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Pew Charitable Trusts' Voting in America Summit. The event brought together Secretaries, academics, advocates, campaigns, and administrators in the elections field to discuss the evolution of voting administration over the past four years.

As the chief elections officer in Vermont, it is a top priority of Secretary Condos to remain actively involved in voting issues and election administration. The Secretary of State's Office is constantly working to stay up-to-date on elections issues, including: the use of technology in elections, voter registration and election law, data collection and analysis, cybersecurity, and improved voting accessibility. Vermont has been a leader in bringing about online voter registration, early voting, same day registration, and automatic voter registration. All of these topics were discussed at the conference as ways to increase citizen access to democracy.

The conference provided election administrators with the ability to share their own experiences from the past year and gain knowledge on important topics in the field. Together, they were able to exchange ideas, address concerns, and plan a course toward the future of voting in America.

"Election administration and voting access is constantly evolving. It is important for Vermont to stay up to date with these progressions and be able to continue our track record of secure, accessible and transparent elections," states Secretary Condos. "Maintaining election integrity is a top priority for my office. I am proud of the work our office has done. I look forward to continuing this work in the years to come."

*The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and invigorate civic life.*

To see the complete schedule for the "Voting in America" Summit:

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/events/2016/voting-in-america-2016>

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