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Hi, Thomas — I'm so sorry I've been slammed. Getting this in tomorrow's paper. —J

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Oppose Nolan's nomination to the Vermont Supreme

Court

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Gov. Phil Scott's nomination of former U.S. Attorney of
Vermont Christina Nolan to the state Supreme Court should be
strongly opposed to safeguard public trust in our judicial system.
While serving as U.S. attorney of Vermont, Christina
Nolan received from me detailed evidence of health care fraud at
the Brattleboro Retreat. In my letter, I offered to testify before a
federal grand jury, including waiving immunity, and provided Ms.

12 Nolan with a USB drive containing supplemental evidence of
13 commercial insurance losses exceeding \$500,000. The federal
14 fraud litigation my attorneys filed in 2013 focused on losses to
15 Medicare and other federal health benefit programs, as well as to
16 multiple state Medicaid programs — including Vermont, which
17 the complaint alleged suffered millions in losses.

18 The \$11 million in alleged federal and state benefit
19 program losses resulted from a double-billing scheme, where the
20 hospital routinely wrote off credit balances generated by
21 overpayments.

22 Despite the seriousness of these allegations, Christina
23 Nolan's office never acknowledged my letter, never contacted
24 me, and took no action regarding the supplemental evidence
25 provided. This was in addition to the substantial body of evidence
26 previously submitted to the United States Attorney's Office in
27 Vermont when the federal litigation was filed in 2013.

28 Multiple entities — the Governor's Office, the Vermont
29 Attorney General, and the Vermont State Auditor — also
30 possessed significant evidence. The Brattleboro Retreat was under
31 a multi-year criminal investigation from 2015 to 2018, and as
32 recently as 2023, a second fraud investigation was reported in
33 Vermont media, with no public resolution to date.

34 Vermonters deserve a Supreme Court justice who
35 upholds the law and public trust. Christina Nolan's record of
36 inaction in the face of clear evidence of fraud makes her unfit for
37 this critical role.

38 The Vermont Senate will soon vote on this nomination. I
39 urge readers to contact their state senators at 802-828-2228 and
40 the Governor's Office at 802-828-3333 immediately to oppose
41 this confirmation. Public trust in our courts depends on
42 accountability and integrity.

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