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Notes from editor (not for publication):

Hi, Tony — I clarified that the bill that Michelle worked on with the Garvey family did not actually become law. Hope I did so in a way that kept it positive and in the same spirit in which you describe it. She deserves all the praise in the world for her centering the Garvey family and their tragedy in efforts to keep something like that from happening. All the best, Jeff

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Bos-Lun: a leader for difficult times

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I strongly recommend Michelle Bos-Lun for a fourth term
in the Vermont Legislature. She represents the Windham-3 district
(Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline).
She serves on the House Agriculture, Food Resiliency,
and Forestry Committee and works on and supports a number of

9 initiatives that support farms and food access. She was co-
10 sponsor of a bill, enacted into law in May, that makes Vermont
11 first in the nation to ban paraquat, which is linked to increased
12 Parkinson's rates.

13 Michelle has worked closely with the Garvey family and
14 was lead sponsor of a bill that called for an increase training in
15 mental health issues and de-escalation techniques for police
16 officers to be better prepared when encountering a citizen
17 experiencing a mental health crisis. The bill did not advance in
18 the last session, but she will keep working on these issues.

19 She supports the type of education reform that
20 Vermonters want: no forced mergers, and consideration of
21 maintaining local control.

22 Michelle is a strong proponent of Proposition 4, which
23 changes the Vermont Constitution to guarantee equality for all
24 Vermonters. This initiative goes to the voters in November. It is so
25 important with what has been happening throughout the country.

26 I have known Michelle for a long time and trust her
27 judgment during these difficult times. She is the type of leader we
28 need in Montpelier.

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