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Richards: outstanding leadership from a young age

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I am supporting Aly Richards in the Democratic primary for governor because she has demonstrated something that is often missing in politics: the ability not just to identify problems, but to bring people together to solve them.

I first met Aly years ago when she served as the student member of the Vermont State Board of Education while I was also on the board. Even then, she stood out for her intelligence, thoughtfulness, and ability to work constructively with people of

12 different perspectives. She impressed me as someone who
13 listened carefully, did her homework, and understood that lasting
14 change requires collaboration as well as conviction.

15 Since then, she has backed up those qualities with
16 results. Her leadership on Vermont's landmark childcare
17 legislation showed that she knows how to engage stakeholders
18 with competing interests, build consensus, and turn good ideas
19 into meaningful public policy.

20 At a time when Vermont faces enormous challenges in
21 housing, healthcare, and affordability, that practical experience
22 matters.

23 Many candidates can articulate a vision. Far fewer have
24 demonstrated that they can translate vision into action. Aly
25 Richards has, and that's why she has my vote.

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