

April 8, 2024

Governor Phil Scott 109 State Street, Pavilion Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Scott,

After thoughtful consideration, it is with great sadness that I submit to you this formal letter of resignation as Vermont State Senator of Colchester and Grande Isle County effective today, Monday, April 8, 2024.

Due to health reasons, I am unable to provide the quality of service and dedication I have always given to my constituents and the State of Vermont. Having dedicated representation has always been one of my top priorities and I believe the people I serve deserve someone who can provide their full attention to this critical position.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime to represent Colchester and Grande Isle County in Montpelier for over 42 years, including the last 39 in the Vermont State Senate. Each of those days I considered it an honor that Vermonters have trusted me with their stories and had faith that I would act on their behalf, regardless of party affiliation or politics.

It is with considerable pride that I have held various positions within the State House over the years, including Dean of the Senate, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Vice Chair of Senate Committee on Institutions, and the third member of the Committee on Committees.

For more than 40 years, the moments spent in the Vermont State House have been exceptionally gratifying and rewarding, and many of the people in it have become lifelong friends.

It is my hope that whoever you appoint to represent the citizens in these districts will continue to have their best interest at heart and be an involved servant. I am happy to assist with the transition process in any way I can.

My most sincere appreciation to the voters in Colchester and Grande Isle County for placing their trust in me, and to those in the Vermont State House for their respect and support over the years.

Senator Richard T. Mazza

Cc: John Bloomer, Secretary of the Senate David Zuckerman, Lt. Governor Philip Baruth, President Pro Tempore