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The Honorable Jon Leibowitz, Chairman
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 404
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairman Leibowitz,

I write to join Senator Sanders in his request that the FTC examine gasoline prices in Vermont. Vermont gas prices vary significantly, and are substantially higher in the northwest part of our state than elsewhere in the state and New England. Unfortunately, the public protection resources available to the Attorney General's Office are limited, and so we seek the FTC's help in determining whether the existing gas prices in northwestern Vermont are lawful.

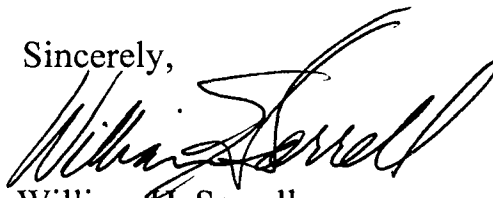
In response to a request from my office, our most recent legislative session resulted in an act criminalizing anti-competitive collusion. This brings Vermont in line with other states that impose criminal liability for certain antitrust violations. The law is intended to encourage whistleblowers to come forward and assist the State in prosecuting antitrust violations. The new law underscores the importance to us of addressing issues such as possible anti-competitive behavior linked to disparate gasoline prices.

I have recently spoken with Commissioner Brill. She has informed me that you are currently considering the gasoline price issue. Given the fact that our gasoline prices remain inexplicably high, I urge the FTC to move beyond its

gasoline price monitoring efforts into an investigation. We would be pleased to assist you in any way we can.

If you would like to meet with me or my staff to discuss these issues, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Sorrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

William H. Sorrell

Vermont Attorney General

cc: Commissioner Julie Brill
Senator Bernard Sanders