



NED L. SIEGEL
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (RET.)

July 31, 2020

I wholeheartedly urge the State of Vermont voters to elect Linda Joy Sullivan for its Vermont State Auditor of Accounts. Linda Joy Sullivan not only holds the ultimate credentials for the position, but she has the utmost integrity and has honed the necessary skills for being independent. Political agendas will not creep into Linda Joy's audit reports, nor will they influence her approach. I met Linda Joy Sullivan when she was appointed the Receiver of an extremely difficult matter, and not only was she able to delve into the complex transactions, but due to her business and leadership skills, her professionalism and respect for the parties involved, paired with her supreme managerial skills, she was able to successfully turn around the business and it has continued to prosper and grow to this day.

We have become life-long friends and I choose my friends wisely. We are in a pandemic crisis across the world and Vermont, like everywhere, will need a professional Business person and licensed auditor who will be able to face the significant challenges that can have a large financial impact on Vermonters always maintaining sound judgment and objectivity and independence to present Vermont with the Audit reports it can rely upon and act on. Linda Joy Sullivan is that woman.

Linda Joy Sullivan has gained respect in her profession. She has achieved the proper education and earned the credentials necessary to oversee Vermont's taxpayers' dollars and has a long-time successful history of rooting out waste, fraud and abuse. She will approach the position fairly and will work with all branches of government to understand the conclusions of her Audit reports and to work to achieve better results.

The Auditor must never be driven by political or policy agenda and force an audit to drive conclusions home and promote policy positions. The Auditor must not be chosen because they have long-standing relationships with former clients or political groups or lobbyists that want a specific policy result. Linda Joy Sullivan will not embrace partisan positions. Her vast professional experience and superb leadership in the field will make her the best leader of the professional team in the Vermont State Auditor's Office.

Her professionalism, integrity, respect and worldly experience in the field of auditing and business and her ability to fix matters tells Vermont that they should not miss this opportunity to elect Linda Joy Sullivan for its State Auditor of Accounts. It is without equivocation that I endorse Linda Joy Sullivan for Vermont's State Auditor of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ned L. Siegel".

Ned L. Siegel
U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, (Ret.)