[Date]

[Candidate/Legislator]

[Street Address]

[City, State, ZIP]

[or email] (both may be obtained from the Secretary of State’s Candidate List https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/candidates.aspx)

Dear [Name of Candidate/Legislator],

The [Selectboard/City Council/Board of Trustees] of [Municipality Name] invites you to participate in a **Candidate Forum on Local Government Legislative Issues** on [date] at [location] from [start time] to [finish time].

Legislators introduce well over 1,000 bills during the course of a biennium. At least a third of them, if enacted, would affect local governments. During the 2021-2022 legislative biennium, bills addressed issues such as economic recovery, pandemic response, open meeting law, the housing crisis, taxation and municipal funding, water quality, public safety, and the distribution of federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

We look forward to discussing your position on local government priorities, including:

* Strong state-local partnerships to solve intractable problems
* Revitalizing local economies
* Providing housing opportunities that meets needs for low-income and middle-income affordability, new residents and workforce, and vulnerable populations
* Action to address the consequences of climate change and reduce carbon footprints at the local level
* Effective stormwater and water quality management
* Addiction crisis and its devastating impact on our communities

We trust this forum will be a first step in establishing a long-term and close partnership between [Name of Municipality] and you, our voice in the Legislature. We will also welcome the opportunity to meet with you during the session to review progress on these very important issues.

Please call [Name] by [Date] to confirm that you can attend this forum. Thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

Chair, [Local Legislative Body]