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Dear Ms. Samuelson,

As a Vermont attorney, an avid reader, and a Trustee of the Brownell Library in Essex Junction for the past 25 years, I understand the importance of making sure that every child learns to read. Their future, and the future of Vermont, depends on appropriate and proven reading instruction, so that every child has the opportunity to achieve a successful and fulfilling life.

I urge you to make sure that your choice for the new Secretary of Education supports structured literacy and the science of reading. Vermont and its teachers need to adopt current best practices by switching to a program of structured literacy. The hiring of a new Secretary who supports these priorities would provide the perfect opportunity to see that this happens. I strongly urge you to make this a priority in your search.

Christine Packard