



March 25, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is an employee or contractor and is directly involved in the reporting, sales, production and delivery of The Stowe Reporter, Waterbury Record and News & Citizen newspapers and the Stowe Guide & Magazine and Green Mountain Weddings and as such is providing this service as a function of an essential business as defined by the executive order by Governor Phil Scott on March 24, 2020.

Persons engaged in the dissemination of news via newspapers, television, radio and other media are exempt from the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" directive because the news media has been deemed as an essential business during the State of Emergency.

Governments at all levels recognize the vital role the newspapers play in keeping the public well informed.

The person in possession of this letter is an employee or independent contractor working on behalf of this newspaper. This person's presence outside or on the road is a legal exception to current travel restrictions.

If you have questions, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Popa", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gregory Popa

Publisher

802-253-2101

gpopa@stowereporter.com