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# Town of Shaftsbury

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## **A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ATTACKS ON DUE PROCESS AND AFFIRMING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS IN THE TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT**

WHEREAS both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution guarantee the right of due process within its borders, stating that no "person" shall be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law," without exception, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, has publicly questioned the language of such guarantees, stating that he "does not know" if all citizens and noncitizens within the United States are entitled to due process, and

WHEREAS, to date, the Administration of President Donald Trump has intentionally detained and sought the deportation of Vermont's legal residents, without application of such Constitutionally mandated due process procedures, thereby purposely violating those Constitutional protections, and

WHEREAS a government's unchecked violation of any person's Constitutional rights creates both a threat and potential license for further Governmental abuse; and

WHEREAS it is the duty of all publicly elected governing bodies to protect and defend their residents, and take reasonable and lawful action, where their residents' liberty is threatened by any level of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

-The Select Board of the Town of Shaftsbury, Vermont unequivocally condemns all officially sponsored governmental actions which intentionally deny any person their Constitutionally protected rights, including, but not limited to, due process of the law for our residents;

-The Town of Shaftsbury affirms its commitment to protecting the Constitutional rights of all persons in our town, regardless of citizenship status, national origin, political belief, race, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or socioeconomic status;

-The Select Board pledges to oppose any policy or action -- local, state, or federal -- which targets and/or denies due process to its residents based on any of the aforementioned identities or positions, and to defend Shaftsbury as a community rooted in equal justice, accountability, and the dignity of all.

Signed by the Selectboard of Shaftsbury on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025:

Naomi Miller, Chair

Michael Cichanowski

Brad Peacock

Zoe Centros, Vice Chair

Tony Krulikowski