

**SALMON FOR AUDITOR**

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November 3, 2010

Sen. Bernard Sanders  
One Church St., Second Floor  
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Senator Sanders,

The election for 2010 is now over. The actions of some and the inaction of others helped contribute to one of the most negative campaign seasons of recent history.

As the highest ranking Progressive in the State of Vermont, it is incumbent upon you to answer whether you were aware of the following:

1) Were you aware of Attorney Mitch Pearl's 1500 page investigation through public records request designed only to derail and discredit me? You mentioned at the airport on July 18, 2010 that you knew nothing about it. Have you become aware of the identity of that cowardly, anonymous party for which he represented?

2) During this years Auditor's race, my opponent Doug Hoffer clarified his relationship with Lawyer John Franco during the October 7 Channel 17/Seven Days debate. He confirmed that Franco was acting independent of the Hoffer campaign. Was he acting on behalf of you? Could you please clarify your relationship with him because it has been reported to me that the two of you have a strong history and continue regular lunches and meetings.

The 2010 election is over, and my skin is thicker and my resolve is stronger than ever. I am better prepared to lead by example as a result of this difficulty over the past year. Although I am grateful for the training, it was at the expense of my family.

I do not expect an apology from anyone. I expect the truth.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Salmon, CPA  
Vermont State Auditor

## Salmon, Tom

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**From:** Salmon, Tom  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 02, 2010 5:58 PM  
**To:** 'Gutman, Huck (Sanders)'  
**Subject:** RE: Dui tape

Dear Huck,

Thank you.

Tom

Draft letter-subject to modification- to Senator

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gutman, Huck (Sanders) [mailto:Huck\_Gutman@sanders.senate.gov]  
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 11:22 AM  
To: Salmon, Tom  
Subject: RE: Dui tape

Tom,

I will let him know.

Huck

-----Original Message-----

From: Salmon, Tom [mailto:Tom.Salmon@state.vt.us]  
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 10:41 AM  
To: Gutman, Huck (Sanders)  
Subject: Dui tape

Please let the Senator know I am very very disappointed in the Progressive party.  
"New low in Vermont politics" many have stated. Tom Salmon CPA  
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