Washington, D.C. - Rep. Peter Welch conveyed the following thoughts from the Middle East on the passing of his friend Liz Jeffords:

"Liz Jeffords was a dear friend of mine and I am deeply saddened by her passing. She was so full of life and it was a true joy to be in her presence. Her devotion to Jim and their family was unwavering. She was a tireless advocate for her community, her state and the many passions she pursued in her rich, full life. And the dignity with which she faced life's many challenges was remarkable. I was blessed to have known Liz Jeffords and will miss her."