

Kanawha County Democratic Executive Committee

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The Honorable Kent Carper, President
The Honorable Ben Salango, Commissioner
The Honorable Lance Wheeler, Commissioner
The Honorable Vera McCormick, County Clerk
409 Virginia St. E.
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Messrs. Commissioners and Madame Clerk:

First, on February 8, 2021, the Kanawha County Democratic Executive Committee ("KCDEC") voted to unanimously support the plan presented by the County Clerk's Office to the County Commission to add an early voting satellite location on the West Side of Charleston. The KCDEC vehemently supports any attempts: (1) to expand voting locations, (2) to provide more opportunities to enfranchise voters, (3) and to increase voter participation in our democracy.

When more people vote, it brings our county, state, and nation closer to a more perfect union, and ensures that Mountaineers are always free. We should strive to provide even more opportunities and locations for all people to vote, and to make it easier and less restrictive to cast a ballot for candidates who support our American values.

Second, the KCDEC also urges the addition of another voting location on the East End of Charleston during early voting at the earliest possible opportunity. We understand that a location may not be secured before early voting for the primary election, however, we support any efforts to secure a location and approve the additional location before the November 2022 General Election if possible.

As Chair of the KCDEC, I stand ready to assist with any and all efforts to expand voting opportunities for every community across Kanawha County.

Sincerely,

Elaine A. Harris, Chair
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