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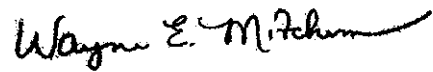
Dear Mr. George McCue,

As Chairman and Secretary of Lincoln County Board of Elections we feel that it is our duty to provide the voters of Lincoln County a pleasurable voting experience. This plan that is being submitted provides great coverage of voters throughout the county. Also this plan meets and exceeds the required number of total cumulative hours.

The attached plan is submitted with some regret because in our county BOE's opinion the initial plan that was submitted and subsequently rejected due to the self indulgent view of Maja Kricker to believe she knows more about what is best for Lincoln County than we, the County BOE members, who work, live and vote in Lincoln County. Our initial plan was agreed to unanimously by the County BOE members and it is very unfortunate that a single member of the State BOE has so little faith in a local BOE that she is willing overturn a unanimous decision that fulfilled all the requirements set forth in the General Statutes. We understand the current law allows for a single State BOE member to have this power in regard to early voting plans submitted with reductions voting hours from the previous election. That portion of the General Statute is inept and we understand the responsibility for that lies within the chambers of the General Assembly.

The plan we have resubmitted has no reduction in hours from the previous election and to the best of our knowledge fulfills the requirements of the General Statutes, therefore, a majority vote by the State BOE will allow implementation of the attached plan. We sincerely hope at least three members of the State BOE will support the proposed plan and not dictate a plan to the voters of Lincoln County.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne E. Mitchem".

Wayne E. Mitchem

Chairman, Lincoln County BOE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Newman".

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