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## Re: Reconsideration of April 22, 2019 Electoral Board Vote and Policy Amendment

Dear Chairman Flannagan & Members of the Goochland County Electoral Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors and Goochland citizens regarding the Goochland County Electoral Board's April 22, 2019 Vote and Policy Amendment that affects voters in both Goochland and Louisa. We strongly request and urge the Electoral Board to revisit this decision and previous practices that allowed voters to vote in their local elections.

The actions taken on April 22, 2019 dramatically and directly impact Goochland County voters in multiple districts. On their behalf, we specifically request that the affected voters be returned back to the locality where they were previously registered. In addition, direct the Director of Elections/General Registrar of Goochland County to resume the long-standing practice and

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agreement with the Director of Elections/General Registrar of Louisa County to allow voters registered in one locality but recognized to be in another locality to vote in the locality they are registered in.

At a minimum we urge the Electoral Board to develop and support solutions and alternatives that would allow affected Goochland and Louisa voters to vote where they pay taxes and have historically voted for at least the local races even if they have to vote in their new localities for state races. For this election, when the majority of local offices are on the ballot, it is vitally important that Goochland and Louisa citizens be able to vote for local offices in the locality that they pay their taxes.

The issue about the recognized census line boundary location has been addressed. As you are aware both Goochland and Louisa counties submitted matching census line boundary maps to the United States Census Bureau. Furthermore, we hope the adopted census line boundary and required 2021 redistricting effort by both localities will eliminate any future confusion over voting locations.

We look forward to working with you to address these concerns and to advocate for legislative solutions that would cure this issue. Thank you for your time and your service to Goochland and its citizens.

Respectfully,



Manuel Alvarez, Jr.

Chair

Goochland County Board of Supervisors

c: Honorable Members of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors  
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