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RESPONSE TO STATEWIDE OUTAGES FOR CITIZENS REGISTERING TO VOTE

PORTSMOUTH, VA —

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HON. AMY ASHWORTH
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HON. PARISA DEGHANI-TAFTI
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HON. STEVE DESCANO
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October 13, 2020

Dear Governor Northam, Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax, Distinguished Members of the Virginia General Assembly, and the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections:

We are a group of Commonwealth's Attorneys who represent and are responsible for the safety and the protection of rights for over 42% of the population of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Today is the last day to register to vote in Virginia for the November 3, 2020, general election. In our conversations with the citizens that we serve, we have learned that today, on the last day to register to vote, there is a statewide outage. This outage has, or will, result in a number of citizens, motivated to be engaged in the process of selecting the future leaders of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to be turned away. As sworn defenders of the rights of our constituents, we are collectively joining the voices calling on our state government to extend the deadline for registration.

Sincerely,

Hon. Amy Ashworth
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