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Mayor Bruce Williams and Members of the City Council
The City of Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Mayor Williams and Members of the Takoma Park City Council,

I am writing to congratulate Takoma Park for taking the initiative to consider several changes that would enhance the electoral process. I support all of the charter amendment changes you are considering. I am the lead sponsor of a bill to make same-day registration the national standard, a provision that has enjoyed enormous success in my home state. I am working with other Members of Congress on a proposed amendment to the Constitution establishing an affirmative right to vote. And I support reforms that restore voting rights to individuals after they are released from prison, as well as lowering the voting age to sixteen.

The right to vote in America is fundamental to the democratic process and our constitutionally protected rights. Yet the right to vote in this country is continually challenged by laws that disenfranchise citizens and limit the value of their vote. With these proposed changes Takoma Park is poised to emerge as a champion of our noblest democratic pursuits. I congratulate you on your bold vision and look forward to your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Ellison".

Keith Ellison
Member of Congress