

13 December 2023

Grayson County, VA Board of Supervisors c/o Stephen Boyer, Grayson County Administrator P.O. Box 217 Independence, VA 24348

Dear Grayson County Board of Supervisors:

We are writing today on behalf of the 1,000 members of American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Virginia. Our national organization was founded in 1881 and AAUW-VA was founded 98 years ago. Yes, we've been around the block a few times, advocating for the rights of women and girls. Plainly, abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies, and futures, but my purpose in writing today is not to try to sway you to the (smaller government) pro-choice stance.

Rather, I'm writing to you as a Virginian. We understand that you are struggling against groups from outside the state who care more about Grayson County being a test case, than the welfare and rights of the women you represent in your public capacity.

We implore you to stand up for the women in Grayson County and vote against the criminal ordinance.

Denise Murden, AAUW-VA Public Policy Co-VP, from Suffolk, will be at the December 14 public hearing. We are all available to discuss this with you or your staff at your convenience.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Dr. Sarita Gregory

Lane Stone, President, AAUW-VA, Alexandria, VA

Dr. Sarita McCoy Gregory, Administrator, AAUW-VA, Yorktown, VA