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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election integrity

To the editor: The League of Women Voters Henderson County, along with the L WVNC and L WVUS, believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation at all levels of government.

A fair election process — including the public understanding that every voter's ballot is cast and counted accurately — is an essential element of our democracy. Therefore, the L WVHC strongly supports the North Carolina Board of Elections' decision to delay certification of the results of the 9th Congressional District election until a thorough investigation has been conducted.

The integrity of our election process must be ensured and those responsible for undermining our democracy should be held accountable. Significant evidence indicates efforts to buy votes, dispose of ballots and alter voters' intended choices. State law authorizes the Board of Elections to order a new general election if offenses taint the results and cast doubt on the election's fairness.

We support L WVNC President Janet Hoy, who called on state officials to complete a thorough investigation to ensure voter confidence in our elections and who committed the league to taking whatever steps are necessary to protect the voices of North Carolina voters.

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