

Subject: Open Records Request
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 5:54:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Brown, Taylor (SBE)
To: AO Records
Attachments: Continuous improvement in elections bill.pdf, Funding Information for KRS 117.pdf, FW: A change with voter registration.eml, FW: MEETING NOTICE - House Elections, CA & IA Committee.eml, Meeting.eml, Old voters.eml, RE: Old voters.eml, Re: SBE Statement.eml, SBE Statement.eml, See you next Thursday in Lexington?.eml

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Stark,

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- ii. Richard House, State Board of Elections Assistant Executive Director

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- c. Representative Jennifer Henson Decker (jennifer.decker@kylegislature.gov)
- d. Representative John Hodgson (john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov)
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- g. Representative Kimberly Moser (kimberly.moser@kylegislature.gov)
- h. Representative Jason Nemes (jason.nemes@kylegislature.gov)
- i. Representative Nancy Tate (nancy.tate@kylegislature.gov)
- j. Senator Steve Rawlings (steve.rawlings@kylegislature.gov)

...from February 1, 2024, through the date the search is conducted.”

Please the attached responsive records.

This response adequately and sufficiently complies with your request, the Kentucky Open Records

Act, and constitutes final action by the Kentucky State Board of Elections.

Thanks,

Taylor Austin Brown
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Continuous improvement in elections bill

From Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@kylegislature.gov>

Date Sun 1/12/2025 9:41 PM

To Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>; Brown, Taylor (SBE) <TaylorA.Brown@ky.gov>; Scutchfield, Jennifer S (SOS) <jscutchfield@ky.gov>

Cc Grayson, Trey <tgrayson@fbtlaw.com>

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Karen and Taylor,

I want to invite you to join a zoom call with Trey Grayson, the clerks, and me next Thursday to discuss the attached 2025 election bills. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on January 16th. Please let me know if you can attend, so Trey can ensure you have the zoom link. If you have any other provisions that you think need to be added to the bill, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Jennifer



Funding Information for KRS 117.343

From Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 4:04 PM

To Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@kylegislature.gov>

Cc House, Richard D (SBE) <Richard.House@ky.gov>

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Proposed Legislation Elections Funding Rep Decker (003).doc;

Good Afternoon Representative Decker,

Attached is the document that Rachel prepared. You may have questions after reviewing and I am happy to discuss with you anytime between now and Tuesday.

Regarding personnel expenses, when the clerks submit the SBE form for reimbursement for the cost of employing office personnel necessary for the conduct of election under KRS 117.343, most do not give complete information. They provide up to the amount they can be reimbursed. Therefore, that may not be good information to share for a more accurate cost for personnel. We can work with the Clerks to get if you like.

Let me know if you need anything else or absolutely feel free to give us a call. Have a good weekend!
-ks

Kind Regards,

Karen Sellers

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From: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 5:28 AM EDT
To: House, Richard D (SBE) <Richard.House@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: A change with voter registration

FYI

From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:41 PM
To: Frank Friday <FFriday@JeffersonCountyClerk.org>; Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Cc: Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@kylegislature.gov>
Subject: Re: A change with voter registration

Frank -

Karen and Richard explained regarding epollbook updates:

1. All require telephone approval from the clerk's office that the person is registered to vote, just with some variation like an old address
2. Pollworkers are only updating an electronic supplemental register inside epollbook, NOT updating VRS.
3. VRS will be updated with the proper documents by Clerk employees later.
4. Provisional ballots process is the same, they remain uncounted on election day
5. there is no "same day registration", except the rare case where an individual personally appears before the county board and makes their case

Is this correct in your understanding?

Thanks

John

From: Frank Friday <FFriday@JeffersonCountyClerk.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:14 PM
To: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>; Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Cc: Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@kylegislature.gov>
Subject: RE: A change with voter registration

John-

This was one of the e-regs this year from the SBE. They want everybody to enter the supplemental names in the epoll book.

We can do this either by having the polling officers do it themselves with special access which may not be a good idea, as this person intuits.

Or we can do what we did during the primary, which is just have the precinct call into BOE and we can enter the updated info from our office. This is what we will do also for the general. We hope there are not too many people who need this, but we will have dedicated phone lines here to accomplish this.

ES&S is working on a better way officers can more simply enter the info in the epoll books in 2026.

Frank Friday

From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Frank Friday <FFriday@JeffersonCountyClerk.org>; Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Cc: Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@kylegislature.gov>
Subject: Fw: A change with voter registration

Frank, Karen-

this is a concern from a constituent that attended pollworker training.

Can you explain?

Surely they will not be updating the voter rolls live?

thanks

John

AMERICAN

Dear Rep. Hodgson,

I attended election officer training October 3, Thursday at 6pm. At the training we were told that we would not be using the Supplemental Roster.

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As you may know the Supplemental Roster is used for voters to sign if they are found eligible to vote by the Election Center but not listed in the e pollbook.

The gentleman giving the information made it very clear that Frankfort was overriding how the local county clerk wanted this handled. This will be the first time that the Supplemental Roster will not be used. Election officers will be required to enter the voter's information into the e pollbook, putting voter information directly into the voter registration.

How many ways can this go wrong? You have people who haven't done this before entering information, with how many mistakes, directly into voter registration. Plus this is a Presidential election with many new voters. Now the county clerk cannot double verify that the voter isn't in the system twice.

Having voters sign the Supplemental Roster insures that the signatures match and will be scrutinized more thoroughly.

Thank you for reading my concerns,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:04 AM EST
To: House, Richard D (SBE) <Richard.House@ky.gov>; Brown, Taylor (SBE) <TaylorA.Brown@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: MEETING NOTICE - House Elections, CA & IA Committee
Attachment(s): "2-15-2024 House Elections agenda.pdf"

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From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@LRC.KY.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Scutchfield, Jennifer S (SOS) <jscutchfield@ky.gov>; Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>; Clemons, Tabatha (Grant County Clerk) <Tabatha.Clemons@ky.gov>; Denny, Jason (Anderson County Clerk) <jason.denny2@ky.gov>; Grayson, Trey <tgrayson@fbtlaw.com>
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OK, 44 and 53 finally on the agenda!

Hoping to have Jenni and Karen at the table for HB44, and Clerks Assn for HB53.
We addressed the funding issue as discussed, reimbursement for actual audit expenses up to \$5000 per election.
Please advise if you can be there.

Thanks
John

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John Hodgson

House Representative
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From: Sciantarelli, Peggy (LRC) <Peggy.Sciantarelli@lrc.ky.gov>
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To: LRC Legislative Offices 3rd Floor <legoff3rd@LRC.KY.GOV>; LRC Legislative Offices 4th Floor <LegOff4thFloor@LRC.KY.GOV>; LRC Agenda Recipients <LRCAGendaRecipients@lrc.ky.gov>; Bauman, Jared (State Rep.) (LRC) <jared.bauman@LRC.KY.GOV>; Branscum, Josh (State Rep.) (LRC) <Josh.Branscum@LRC.KY.GOV>; Bratcher, Kevin (State Rep.) (LRC) <Kevin.Bratcher@LRC.KY.GOV>; Calloway, Josh (State Rep.) (LRC) <Josh.Calloway@LRC.KY.GOV>; Camuel, Adrielle (State Rep.) (LRC) <Adrielle.Camuel@LRC.KY.GOV>; Decker, Jennifer (State Rep.) (LRC) <Jennifer.Decker@LRC.KY.GOV>; Gooch, Jim (State Rep.) (LRC) <jim.gooch@lrc.ky.gov>; Herron, Keturah (State Rep.) (LRC) <Keturah.Herron@LRC.KY.GOV>; Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@LRC.KY.GOV>; Imes, Mary Beth (State Rep.) (LRC) <MaryBeth.Imes@LRC.KY.GOV>; Koch, Matthew (State Rep.) (LRC) <Matthew.Koch@LRC.KY.GOV>; Lewis, Scott (State Rep.) (LRC) <Scott.Lewis@LRC.KY.GOV>; Lockett, Matt (State Rep.) (LRC) <Matt.Lockett@LRC.KY.GOV>; Moser, Kimberly (State Rep.) (LRC) <Kimberly.Moser@LRC.KY.GOV>; Raymond, Josie (State Rep.) (LRC) <Josie.Raymond@LRC.KY.GOV>
Cc: LRC State Government <LRCStGov@lrc.ky.gov>
Subject: MEETING NOTICE - House Elections, CA & IA Committee

The House Elections, Constitutional Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will meet on Thursday, February 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Annex Room 154. The agenda is attached.

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**House Standing Committee on Elections, Constitutional
Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs
Meeting 3 Agenda
Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:00 AM
Annex Room 154**



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Bills for Consideration

24RS HB 44

AN ACT relating to voter registration.
Sponsor Representative John Hodgson

24RS HB 53

AN ACT relating to elections.
Sponsor Representative John Hodgson

3. Adjournment

Meeting materials may be accessed online at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/CommitteeDocuments/143>
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scheduling conflict arises, proceedings will livestream on the following site:
<https://legislature.ky.gov/Public%20Services/PIO/Pages/Live-Streams.aspx>

From: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 12:49 PM EST

To: Johnson, DJ (State Rep.) (LRC) <DJ.Johnson@kylegislature.gov>

CC: Johnson, DJ (State Rep.) (LRC) <DJ.Johnson@LRC.KY.GOV>; House, Richard D (SBE) <Richard.House@ky.gov>; Brown, Taylor (SBE) <TaylorA.Brown@ky.gov>

Subject: Meeting

Good Afternoon Representative Johnson,

Congratulations on your appointment as Chair of Elections! Richard, Taylor, and I would like to meet with you to discuss or answer any questions you may have related to SBE, anything for your committee, and/or concerns during this legislative session. I realize you may not be in town often leading up to February 4th, but wanted to reach out if you should be here at any time.

My personal cell is [REDACTED] or my work cell is below. Thank you for your time and look forward to an opportunity to meet.

Have a good weekend!

-ks

Kind Regards,

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From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>

Sent: Saturday, December 07, 2024 11:35 AM EST

To: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>

Subject: Old voters

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Karen

Can you have someone research and explain why these people that sold Jason Nemes their house 10 years ago are still registered to vote there? This is way beyond the two federal cycles of NVRA.

How many more are out there like this?

John F Hodgson

11:30

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Online voter registration portal.

Full name:

JOHN EDWARD SNELL

Address:

10627 GLENEAGLE PL
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223-2666

Political Party:

DEMOCRATIC

Your Precinct and Districts

Precinct:

PRECINCT 164 33 DISTRICT (F164)

City Code:

School District:

County:

Jefferson

[County Clerk Website](#)

House District:

033

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Senate District:

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Congressional District:

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From: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2024 8:11 AM EST
To: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Subject: RE: Old voters

Perfect! Safe travels!
-ks

From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 8:01 AM
To: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Old voters

Hi Karen
I know we have discussed the process before, and the Federal election we just completed will be a fresh trigger. Not urgent, I will give you a call on the 11th when I get back to Frankfort if that is OK, I am 3 time zones away right now.
Thanks
John

John F Hodgson

From: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 3:02:17 AM
To: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Subject: RE: Old voters

John,
If you can today, give me a call and I will go through the process when the Commonwealth began the process under NVRA after the former Secretary's administration. As for Mr. Snell, I told Jason when we spoke last about him that he will be in the purge coming up after the first of the year. The process under NVRA of removing him has been completed.

I have a meeting at 8:30 which should be short but otherwise available. Thank you!
-ks

From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>
Subject: Old voters

Karen
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John F Hodgson

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From: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>

Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2024 7:53 AM EDT

To: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>

Subject: Re: SBE Statement

Thanks Karen

John F Hodgson

From: Sellers, Karen R (SBE) <Karen.Sellers@ky.gov>

Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 7:49:04 AM

To: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>

Subject: SBE Statement

John,
I thought I would send you the statement SBE put out yesterday afternoon about the video. We have also posted this to our home page, www.elect.ky.gov. I am also providing you the ES&S link to the video of the machine (below) and a fact sheet. Feel free to give me a call.

Have a good weekend!

-ks

<https://essvote-1.wistia.com/medias/z3q20aiywg>

Kind Regards,
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Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2024 7:49 AM EDT

To: Hodgson, John (State Rep.) (LRC) <john.hodgson@kylegislature.gov>

Subject: SBE Statement

Attachment(s): "SBE Statement Regarding Laurel County Viral Video.pdf", "Touch Screen Accuracy Fact Sheet.pdf"

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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Yesterday, over 1,700 voters turned out for no-excuse in-person absentee voting in Laurel County. One voter created a video of her experience that has gone viral on social and broadcast media.

That voter, like thousands of other Kentuckians have done, went to an ES&S ExpressVote machine in order to vote. The ExpressVote is a touchscreen ballot marking device that presents voters with their options for each race and then records them on a paper ballot. The voter then reviews the paper ballot that is printed and deposits it into a scanner. A vote is not cast until the paper ballot is deposited into the scanner.

The video created by the Laurel County voter showed her interaction with the touchscreen and purported to show that her attempts to select Donald Trump for President were being switched to a selection for Kamala Harris.

The video shows one hand attempting to jab the small box in the field available for Donald Trump and unsuccessfully registering a selection.

A second hand then attempts to select the larger Trump field, not with the same jab at the small box, but with a pressing of the pad of the finger in the area slightly below the small box.

At this point, the touchscreen highlights the large Harris field, after which, the second hand then attempts to simultaneously click the large Trump field with an index finger and the large Robert F. Kennedy field with a thumb, leaving the Harris box highlighted.

According to statements made by the voter to the County Clerk, the voter was able to ultimately use the touchscreen correctly to highlight the field for Donald Trump and every other one of her preferred candidates.

Once the voter's preferred selections were highlighted, the ExpressVote printed out a paper ballot that recorded all of her preferred selections. This paper ballot was then available for the voter to review and then deposit into the ES&S DS200 ballot scanner.

According to statements made by the voter to the County Clerk, she was able to deposit her ballot, containing selections for Donald Trump and her other preferred selections into the DS200 ballot scanner successfully, registering her vote.

According to the County Clerk, only after successfully printing her ballot with her chosen selections did the voter then contact election officials at the polling location to show them the video she had recorded at the ExpressVote.

The voter then met with the County Clerk to show him the video she had captured on her smartphone. The County Clerk attempted to replicate an instance of directly pressing a finger inside of the large Trump box leading to a highlighting of the Harris box and was unsuccessful.

The County Clerk was able to press the touchscreen in an area not directly inside of either the Trump or Harris boxes, but rather somewhere in between the two fields and get a highlighted Harris box.

Despite not being able to directly replicate what was alleged by the voter, the County Clerk took the ExpressVote machine out of service at the polling location and contacted the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General's office then sent an investigator to the polling location to look into the allegations.

Once the voter left the polling location, she uploaded the media she had captured to her social media accounts, tagging other accounts belonging to influencers known to push claims of election fraud, stating that her video needed to get "out there."

In the hours after the initial posting of her video, the voter spent time on social media reposting those accounts that had promoted her original video.

Eventually, co-chair of the Republican National Committee, Lara Trump even responded to the voter's posts saying "The legal team at @GOP immediately investigated a voter's report of a machine malfunction that wouldn't select President Trump in Kentucky. We called election officials directly. They separated the machine, conducted proper testing, didn't find any errors, and confirmed that voters could cast their ballots properly."

In fact, over 1,700 voters in Laurel County cast their ballots properly on October 31, 2024, and neither the State Board of Elections nor the Laurel County Clerk were made aware of any other reports of issues with the county's ExpressVote touchscreens or DS200 ballot scanners on that day.

The State Board of Elections encourages voters in counties using ExpressVote touchscreens to use their finger or a stylus to firmly make their chosen selections within the middle of the field allocated for that candidate or response.

Further, the State Board of Elections recommends that all voters in the Commonwealth who believe they are experiencing an issue preventing them from casting their ballot as desired first report their concerns to the election officials at their voting location and then call the Attorney General's election hotline at 1-800-328-VOTE.



VOTING FACT SHEET

Facts about the accuracy of touch screen voting machines

Touch screens are a commonly used component of modern voting systems, whether it be the screen on a digital scan tabulator or the screen of a ballot marking device. Below are facts to commonly asked questions regarding the accuracy of touch-screen technology.



Do touch screens need to be calibrated before each election?

Today's newest election machines use advanced calibration technology. Touch screen calibration is performed at the factory and is rarely needed again. While calibration is not required before each election, it is a best practice to check each machine as part of regular pre-election logic and accuracy testing. Should the calibration need adjusting, it can easily be done at that time.



I have heard the term "vote flipping" used. What does this mean?

Voting machines do not flip votes. This term is often erroneously used to describe the experience of a voter who reports that they touched the text box for one candidate and that an adjacent text box highlights instead of their intended choice. Most commonly, these reports stem from a voter touching the screen too close to the line separating candidates or not touching the text box in the correct place. In some jurisdictions, election officials have provided a stylus to voters to help them make their selections, though the use of a stylus is not required.



Is this a common occurrence?

No, actual confirmed cases of voters having issues in touching the correct place on a touch screen are, in fact, rare. However, these rare instances can be widely shared, erroneously implying it is common.



How can a voter trust that their ballot will count?

Every voter is presented with the opportunity to review their selections on both the screen and the paper ballot before casting their ballot. There is no scenario in which a voter would be forced to cast a ballot that they believe did not reflect their intentions. If a voter believes that their choices are not accurately reflected, they should ask a poll worker for assistance prior to casting their ballot. A poll worker can spoil an incorrect paper ballot, provide instruction on how to properly touch the box on the voting machine or, if required, a poll worker can direct the voter to another voting machine.

ES&S Security Philosophy

Nothing is more important to ES&S than protecting America's democracy by supporting secure, accessible and accurate elections. That's why every ES&S product reflects our three-part security philosophy:

- **Design:** All products are designed, without compromise, to meet the latest and ever-evolving standards in security, accuracy and reliability.
- **Testing:** In addition to ES&S testing protocols, all tabulation systems are rigorously tested and certified by the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC), which reflects security and performance standards developed by scientists, academics and election officials. ES&S also takes security testing to the next level, executing penetration testing with independent, accredited laboratories. ES&S submitted our end-to-end voting configuration for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) critical product evaluation (CPE) at one of our nation's leading research labs.
- **Implementation:** The entire ES&S team is devoted to ensuring that each piece of technology performs as expected on election day, helping election officials uphold the laws of their jurisdiction, which mandate strict physical security and tight chain of custody of all voting machines.

Perhaps most importantly, ES&S' essence — its very being — is predicated on supplying America with equipment and software for secure, accurate and accessible elections. All of us at ES&S hold ourselves and each other accountable for this mandate and are proud to serve a role in this noble purpose.

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Subject: See you next Thursday in Lexington?

Hi Representative Decker.

I think Karen Sellers reached out to see if you could join us at the Kentucky clerks' association meeting, next Thursday, Dec. 12 in the afternoon. It's in Lexington.

I'm coming to do a presentation for them, and it will be much better if you are with me. We can discuss with them how you, as a legislator, like to engage with election officials, what you think may be coming in 2024, and maybe what we've learned from 2024's legislation across the nation.

Can you attend? That would be great! Thanks!

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