

United States Senate

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Dear Mr. Calhoun and Postmaster Hodges:

We write to you today to express our full support for the request made in Marshal Thomas L. Foster's November 28, 2022 letter to you. Fulfilling this request is critical to improving the current, unacceptable security conditions at the Danville Courthouse.

The Danville Courthouse serves the needs of the cities of Danville and Martinsville and the counties of Henry, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Halifax, and Charlotte. Despite its active federal docket, the Courthouse continues to face serious security and safety deficiencies, requiring a collaborative and concerted effort to ensure that it can adequately serve the district.

We share the concerns of the judges of the Western District and the U.S. Attorney's Office in that the inability to make substantial improvements could lead to the closure of the Danville court division, further impeding the judiciary's already constrained ability to serve the community.

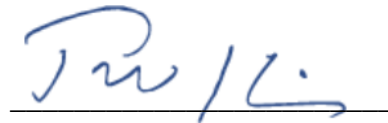
To that end, we support the U.S. Marshal Service's efforts in utilizing available space in the building for security improvements. It is critical that the federal judiciary maintains its presence in Danville and that it is able to do so in a safe and functioning space.

Thank you for efforts in ensuring that the Courthouse meets the needs of the public, the judiciary, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Warner
United States Senator



Tim Kaine
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Michael F. Urbanski, Chief U.S. District Judge, Western District of Virginia
Thomas L. Foster, U.S. Marshal, Western District of Virginia
Christopher R. Kavanaugh, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Virginia