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Hello,

My name is Kay Strickland, and I am a resident of Kingston Township in the Back Mountain. I would like to offer comment on the July 26th Luzerne County Council Work Session, Agenda Item 8: availability of drop boxes.

Being able to participate in elections by mail-in ballot has been eye-opening. After receiving my ballot, I have the time to research not only the candidates on that sheet of paper, but the office for which they are running. I confidently choose representatives and public servants that I believe will best help our communities thrive, AND I better understand how the various pieces and levels of government interact.

I like taking my ballot to a drop box, where I know the chain of custody is comparable to that at the polls. I take a break during errands to walk from the parking lot, into the Misericordia-secured building, put my ballot in the drop box, and return to my car. It takes but a few minutes and I feel safe knowing that my vote will be counted.

The flexibility that mail-in ballots and drop boxes provide enable not just elders in the community, like me, to safely cast their vote, but also help those people—like long distance truck drivers and commuters--for whom election day voting is difficult, if not impossible, to cast their votes.

I do hope that the County Council will continue to support the availability of drop boxes throughout the county, making voting accessible to as many Luzerne County citizens as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Kay Strickland

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