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**Statement by the Montgomery County Board of Elections in Response to Judicial Watch Letter:**

Jim Shalleck, President of the Board

The Maryland Office of the Attorney General has responded to an inquiry by Judicial Watch that incorrectly suggested that Montgomery County has more registered voters than citizens of voting age. Montgomery County has at all times followed federal and state law in maintaining an accurate voter registration list, while carefully protecting the rights of those eligible to vote.

Judicial Watch's analysis is flawed in several respects:

1. It does not take into account the thousands of 16- and 17-year-olds pre-registered to vote under Maryland law and not included by definition in the census data for Montgomery County's population age 18 and above. Montgomery County has a robust Future Vote program to involve students in the community, resulting in thousands of students registering to vote, but who are not eligible to vote yet.
2. It does not take into account thousands of people serving in the military, governmental agencies, or non-governmental organizations who are living overseas (and therefore may not be counted as Montgomery County residents by the Census), but are legally registered to vote in Montgomery County and retain their voting status here under federal and state law.

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