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Dear Mayor Jordan and Members of the Fayetteville City Council:

It is time for the city of Fayetteville to rest, and it is time for the city to heal. The Special Election on Ordinance 5703 – Chapter 119 has been decided by the citizens of Fayetteville. They did not want this law and they certainly don't want it brought back to debate it. Right now is the time for the city to breathe and be restored.

It will never be the right time for the City Council to bring back Chapter 119, albeit this time with more amendments. It is also not the right time to bring forth a new ordinance written by the city attorney. This will continue to divide our citizens. The goal of our city leaders should be to serve all our citizens. Until we can talk about this matter with honesty and a sense of trust, these plans to keep doing the same thing all over again are a waste of city resources, manpower, and money. Show us that our city government has heard the voice of a majority of Fayetteville citizens for the last 5 months. The people of Fayetteville deserve a rest. It is not time to begin debate on another passionately contested law.

We invite you to sit down next year and talk. We can meet together to explore the issues or problems of the city as citizens, friends and even as antagonists, but this needs to be next year. Now is not the time to talk about creating a new law before we simply talk as people who all live in the same community. The city council should encourage prior public discussion, study, and debate before introducing a new ordinance of this magnitude. This should include a true examination of opposing views and not simply token representation.

If we can talk about this issue and others facing the city, we can discover what the problems of Fayetteville are and how to address them. We can use our experiences together through these last months to change how we move forward to unite the citizens of Fayetteville.

Let the people rest, and let the city heal so that everyone can enjoy their holiday season.

Thank you,

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