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Truman Day Dinner Postponed

8/6/2021, Knoxville, TN — After consultation with Sen. Doug Jones, local elected officials, and healthcare professionals the Knox County Democratic Party has decided to postpone our sold-out Truman Day Dinner and other events connected to it.

With the Delta variant running rampant in our community, it became clear that hosting a max occupancy banquet would not be prudent. While we had hoped to find an outdoor alternative, the quick time frame made that impossible.

The hard truth is that the pandemic is not over. Cases continue to climb here in Knox County--up nearly 200% in just the past 2 weeks. Most concerning is how this new variant is impacting children. There are currently 4 children in the PICU at East TN Children's Hospital with COVID--one on a ventilator. In order to protect our neighbors & children, it is imperative that everyone who is eligible be vaccinated.

We want to emphasize that **we are postponing and not canceling.** Senator Jones is very excited to come to Knoxville and said he will not miss Truman Day. We will hold everyone's reservations and communicate our new date with all guests and sponsors. If attendees would prefer to cancel their reservation and receive a refund or donate it to the party, please email Hannah@KnoxvilleDemocrats.org. We want to thank our generous sponsors and attendees for their understanding. We eagerly await the day we can safely gather together to celebrate the progress of KCDP.

While our Republican counterparts expect a much smaller crowd than we had, due to lagging ticket sales and low interest, we also urge them to do the right thing and postpone their event too. Knox County's health is more important than political fundraisers.

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