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President Pro Tem Phil Berger
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Dear Legislative Leaders,

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina is concerned about the recent decision to relocate the press- room out of its current space on the first floor of the Jones Street Legislative Building to a much smaller space in a corner of the basement. LWVNC has long held the belief that a transparent, open government is a requirement for good government.

Many local, state and national journalists now report on the actions and activities of the NC General Assembly. All their reports are necessary to the people of NC as they work to learn about hearings, committee meetings and laws that are passed in each session. Citizens who cannot attend these meetings in Raleigh rely on journalists to inform them.

The League is concerned that this decision may result in decreased access to legislators by credentialed journalists and will affect their ability to report to the people on legislative actions taken by the General Assembly. The decision to move the press- room may not have been designed to limit the public's ability to know what is happening at the General Assembly, but this may be the resulting impact.

We understand that office space is a valuable commodity, but so is public information. We ask that you reconsider this decision and allow, even encourage the work of journalists to inform the people of North Carolina about their state government.

Sincerely,

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