

WV Democratic Party Challenges Speaker Hanshaw's Attempt to Deny Representation to the 91st District

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Charleston, WV — The West Virginia Democratic Party today criticized Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw for his efforts to misuse West Virginia Code 4-1-17 in an attempt to deny the citizens of the 91st House of Delegates District their rightful representation in the state legislature.

“West Virginia Code 4-1-17 was adopted to ensure the efficient operation of the legislature during the legislative session, not to deny representation to the residents of a delegate district and certainly not to avoid compliance with the law requiring vacated seats to be filled by someone of the same party as the member at the time the seat was vacated,” said Pushkin. “Speaker Hanshaw’s actions undermine the democratic process and rob the people of the 91st District of their voice in government.”

Pushkin emphasized the importance of ensuring that the 91st District has representation during the legislative session and expressed the Democratic Party’s commitment to fighting for the integrity of the process. In the interest of resolving the matter expeditiously, Pushkin also announced that the Democratic Party has amended its lawsuit to remove Speaker Hanshaw and the legislature as parties to the suit.

“Our focus remains on upholding the law and ensuring that the residents of the 91st District have their voices heard. This issue is too important to allow political maneuvering to stand in the way of fair representation,” Pushkin added.

The West Virginia Democratic Party remains steadfast in its efforts to protect the rights of all West Virginians and to ensure that every district has the representation it deserves.

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