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Senator Russet Perry Makes Statement on Ongoing Crisis within Purcellville Town Council

PURCELLVILLE, VA — Over the course of the past week, my office has heard from an overwhelming number of Purcellville residents regarding the ongoing corruption and apparent malfeasance of local public officials. Let me be clear on my position: what has been happening in Purcellville is unprecedented and unacceptable. It represents a fundamental breakdown in ethical conduct, public duty, and responsible governance.

Public officials have an obligation to serve with integrity, transparency, and accountability. When those obligations are abandoned, it is the residents—the families, businesses, and community members—who pay the price. I am deeply disturbed over the erosion of public trust and the ongoing chaos that has taken hold in the town.

I believe deeply in the process of the law, and I trust that it will play out with the justice and fairness that the people of Purcellville deserve.

However, the actions of some on this council are not one-off abuses of our current system. They appear to be a pattern of ongoing and continuous behavior. As a result, I am actively working with the Virginia Senate legal counsel and colleagues in Richmond to draft legislation that will seek to address what I, and many others, perceive to be extensive corruption, instability, and governance failures that Purcellville residents have been forced to endure.

My top priority is protecting and advocating for the people of Purcellville—what should be the role of all elected officials and public servants—and ensuring that state law provides real safeguards when local officials disregard their ethical and/or legal responsibilities. The processes of the General Assembly are slow, but make no mistake — I am fully committed to pursuing ALL avenues available at the state level to restore accountability and protect this community. My office appreciates the continued correspondence from residents. Please continue to reach out. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to serve. ###

Senator Perry represents Virginia's 31st Senate District, which includes the town of Purcellville and portions of Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.