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Gentlemen:

I am writing to advise you that I will be changing my political party affiliation from Democrat to Republican in the coming days. I do not plan to orchestrate a media event in which I am shown signing registration papers, etc.; because I do not want my action to be viewed as an attempt by me to gain some political advantage for myself. It is an action that reflects my considered opinion as to which party is most closely aligned with my views and, I believe, the majority of McCracken County residents.

As a state judge for 23 years I was, both by personal desire and as mandated by law, nonpartisan. I do not intend to be deeply involved in political party action. I simply can no longer work under the banner of a party that has abandoned the conservative beliefs that I hold dearly.

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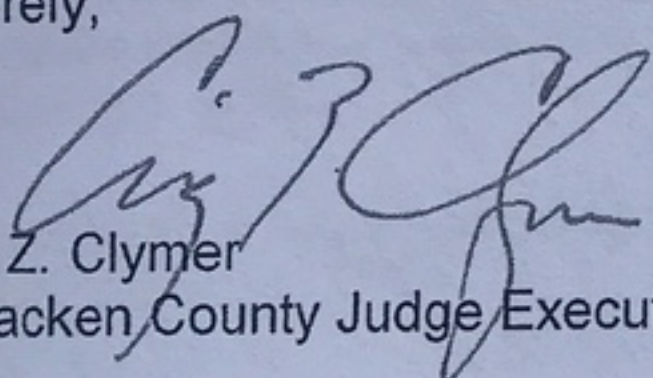
The federal Democratic party leadership diverted from conservative beliefs long ago. I join in Leader McConnell's disbelief that the party would be entertaining socialistic views as right for my country.

On the state level, we have some good Democratic leaders with conservative viewpoints. But Governor Bevin and Republicans appear to stand alone in a willingness to challenge special interest bodies in addressing the Kentucky pension crisis that is crippling our cities and counties.

I will change affiliation sometime next week, tentatively June 18, and will look forward to working with each of you.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

Sincerely,



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