

To: The North Carolina Board of Elections
From: Dr. Charles Clark, Scotland County Board Member
Dr. Harriet Jackson, Scotland County Board Secretary
Re: Letter to Support Sunday Voting on October 18, 2026
Date: July 15, 2026

This letter is drafted to support the need for all Scotland County citizens to have access to the Early Voting Poll everyday of the week during the November 2026 Election Cycle including one (1) Sunday. Reasons to support this request are documented below.

1. Scotland County citizens over the past years have repeatedly asked that the Board of Elections offer Sunday voting. This need is a particular concern for the citizens in our community who work 6 days a week, and those who have scheduling concerns as it relates to family and personal needs.
2. Scotland County voters expect to have voting flexibility each day of the week especially now that North Carolina no longer has Blue Laws. Citizens now work on Sundays, shop on Sundays, take college on line courses on Sundays, attend church on Sundays, participate and attend sports events on Sundays as well as many other activities. So the question that is often shared by our community is why not vote on Sundays?
3. Scotland County has experienced a strong Sunday voting history. Three to four percent (3%-4%) of the total voting population has occurred during Sunday voting. See Sunday voting history below. (Dell Parker. *SC data sheets*)

- a. May 6, 2014 Primary Election: Sunday, April 27, 2014 (8:00-1:00pm. 5 hrs.) 206 ballots were cast
 - b. November 3, 2020 General Election: Sunday, October 18, 2020 (8:00-1:00 pm 5 hrs.) 295 ballots were cast
 - c. November 5, 2024 General Election: Sunday, October 27, 2024 (8:00-3:00pm 7 hrs.) 314 ballots were cast
4. As outlined above, the Scotland County's Sunday voting data does not support dissolving Sunday voting. Three to four percent (3%-4%) if not higher, of the voting population may not be able to exercise their right to vote if one (1) Sunday is not included in the November 2026 Early Voting Cycle. Our goal in Scotland County is to increase voting participation not decrease their voting opportunities.
5. The Board of Elections personnel; director and assistant director perform their job description in the highest professional manner. Never have board members been informed that either of these ladies are unwilling to work while offering the community voting access on Sundays. With that being said, we believe the staff understands and have embraced their duties as true public servants even on a Sunday.
6. Scotland County has been blessed to have a repertoire of experienced poll workers who tend to work consistently during each election cycle. This loyal and dedicated group of poll workers consistently make themselves available during each election cycle while having a few poll workers on reserve in case of an emergency. Even

during COVID, Scotland County Poll Workers did not disappoint. We have been able to staff on Sundays as we do any other day of the week without difficulty.

Finally, we are respectfully requesting approval to offer every Scotland County citizen regardless of party affiliation access to the polls on ***Sunday, October 18, 2026***. We would like to be consistent with our past Sunday voting hours which will be ***5 hours, 12:00-5:00 pm***. Scotland County voters understand and have appreciated during past elections having our board honor their request for Sunday voting but even more importantly, they know we care about them as voters. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Cc: Mrs. Dell Parker, Scotland County BOE Director