



March 16, 2020

Dear Kootenai County Democrats:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing today to let you know about the cancellations and postponements affecting the Kootenai County Democrats. Based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the White House and the Idaho Democratic Party, we are suspending in-person meetings and events until further notice. This will include KCDCC meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, the Kootenai County Democratic Club and other scheduled events. We are also going to postpone the Democracy Dinner that was planned for May 20th and hopefully hold it during the summer months instead. Today we received word from the Idaho Democratic Party that the Delegate Selection Caucuses scheduled throughout the state on April 4, 2020 are cancelled as well. The IDP is working with the DNC to come up with an alternative process for delegate selection and I will keep you posted as I learn more.

These decisions were not easy and I know it's disappointing to many that these events are being cancelled or postponed. However, please know that these decisions were made out of an abundance of caution and in the best interest of the most vulnerable among us. At this time, I believe it's important to do everything in our power to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including social distancing, postponing gatherings, diligent hand washing, sanitizing surfaces, staying home if you're sick or have any symptoms and avoiding crowds.

The recommendation for social distancing and self-isolation may last weeks or months. During this time, it's important that we stay in touch via phone, email, text message or other electronic means to prevent feelings of loneliness and depression. Let's not forget about our friends and neighbors who live alone and those that are in more vulnerable populations such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. It's important now, more than ever, that we help

and support each other as we navigate this uncertain and potentially stressful time. Please reach out to myself or someone else if you need assistance or just need to talk.

I hope and pray that everyone among us stays healthy during this outbreak, but it will take diligence and dedication to make sure that happens. I encourage everyone to follow the recommendations of the CDC and other reputable health agencies in order to minimize the threat to yourselves and your loved ones as much as possible. It will take all of us – healthy and unhealthy, old and young – to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Tenneson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Tenneson, Interim Chair
Kootenai County Democratic
Central Committee