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DCBOE Visits Correctional Facilities and Halfway Houses

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Members of the Outreach Division of the District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) visited the Cumberland Federal Correctional Facility on May 15, 2018. While there, inmates were encouraged to ask questions and to have an open discussion on the topics of voting, rights of incarcerated and re-entering citizens to vote, voter registration, eligibility requirements, and poll worker recruitment in advance of the 2018 Primary and General Elections. DCBOE staff answered questions asked by the inmates, and clarified points of confusion relating to the voting rights of incarcerated D.C. residents.

Inmates were reminded that:

- Incarcerated individuals are eligible to register and vote so long as they are not serving a sentence for a felony conviction.
- Individuals pending a felony case, or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor conviction, are eligible to register and vote.
- Individuals released from custody, regardless of what they have been convicted of and when they were convicted, are eligible to register and vote.

Additional DCBOE staff visited halfway houses to educate returning citizens on their rights and to help them register to vote and request absentee ballots. The DCBOE remains committed to enfranchising all eligible District residents and invites any resident with questions about their voting rights to contact us at (202) 727-2525.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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