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Ladies:

On behalf of the Garrett County Commissioners, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter to welcome you to our beautiful county! I truly appreciate the efforts of the AAUW-Garrett Branch to bring the state convention to Wisp Resort. I hope you enjoy your stay and get an opportunity to visit the largest lake in the state (Deep Creek), the largest free-falling waterfall (Muddy Creek), the highest mountain (Backbone), the only designated wild river (the Youghiogheny), or the smallest state park (Casselman River Bridge State Park – 4 acres). There truly is tremendous natural beauty to adore and I hope you come back and visit us again.

As the father of three daughters, I greatly appreciate your important work to promote equality for women through closing the gender pay gap and the promotion of post-secondary educational attainment. Your advocacy for leadership development in women and for encouraging women to explore careers in the ever-growing field of STEM is impressive, as well. While you get the pleasure of hearing from one of Garrett County's deservedly renowned leaders (whom I have the great privilege of calling a colleague), Dr. Dana McCauley, during your convention, it might interest you to know that another doctor, Dr. Alta Schrock from Grantsville, was the first female Mennonite in the entire country to earn a Ph.D.! Dr. Schrock embodied the ideals of the AAUW before many at the convention were even born. I hope that you can visit her unique vision and legacy at Spruce Forest Artisan Village in Grantsville during your visit.

Again, it is an honor to welcome such an esteemed group of women to Garrett County! Thanks to the Garrett County AAUW Branch for making this possible and I wish you all the best of luck on having a meaningful and memorable state convention. Enjoy your stay and please visit us again.

Sincerely:



Paul C. Edwards
Chair – Garrett County Commission