## **Andrew W. Childress**

Dear Editor,

My name is Andrew Childress and I currently serve as the Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Lynchburg. I have practiced criminal law for my entire twenty-six-year career and I'm particularly proud of the time I served the citizens of Amherst County as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Lyle Carver.

From 2015 through 2018 I worked closely with Lyle on a daily basis. During that time I saw Lyle manage an office, try hundreds of cases, and raise a family. Lyle's work ethic and personal ethics are both above reproach, and the experience he has amassed over his career is astounding. One of the most rewarding trials of my career was when Lyle and I co-prosecuted Edward Marshall in 2016, for the murder of Norma-Jean Freeman, and the malicious wounding of her son Allen Freeman. This was a three-day jury trial with over 40 witnesses. Because of Lyle's experience and leadership, we were able to achieve a guilty verdict on all of the charges and secure a life sentence for the defendant, the maximum sentence allowed by law.

Prosecuting criminal cases is a nuanced and challenging calling that can only be successfully executed with experience and teamwork. Lyle is the only candidate for Amherst County Commonwealth's Attorney with both the experience and the team in place to adequately do the work and keep Amherst County safe. I humbly ask for your vote for Lyle Carver on November 7, 2023.

Andrew W. Childress, Esq.