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January 25 Harney County Community Meeting Cancelled
Statement by Judge Steve Grasty

It is with a heavy heart that I feel the need to cancel the community meeting scheduled for January 25. Preparations to protest and block entrance to the Senior Center have lead me to determine that it's time to take a time out. Cancellation of this meeting seems prudent in order to maintain the safety of our community and everyone in it, and because an open and honest conversation cannot take place in this type of atmosphere. Further, I will not give these agitators what they want most, which is attention.

My goal for these community meetings has always been to create a forum where Harney County residents can come together to ask questions and talk with one another during this difficult time. These are the people who elected me. These are people I want to hear from. It saddens me greatly that we cannot have this conversation among ourselves without interference from outsiders.

I feel it's important to give Harney County residents an opportunity to share their concerns, express their frustrations, provide their input and ask their questions. My offer stands to any Harney County resident to make an appointment and come see me. My door is always open to you.

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