

KACDL Official Statement:

WHITNEY WESTERFIELD, IN HIS 2018-SC-000583-TG FRANKLIN OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SENATOR, 2018-SC-000585-TG ET AL. V. DAVID M. WARD, ET AL. AND DAVID M. WARD, ET AL. V. WHITNEY WESTERFIELD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SENATOR, ET AL. OPINION OF THE COURT BY CHIEF JUSTICE MINTON – AFFIRMING ALL SITTING. ALL CONCUR. TO BE PUBLISHED

We are pleased with the Kentucky Supreme Court’s unanimous decision confirming that the language of the Kentucky Constitution has meaning and must be complied with when anyone seeks to change our foundational law. Our position has been clear throughout this process. We told the legislature through our testimony even prior to passage, that the question crafted and submitted to voters failed entirely to tell our citizens the fundamental changes to our justice system that would result from this amendment. KACDL is a nonprofit member association that believes that continued recognition and adherence to the Bills of Rights contained in the Constitutions of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by the Judicial, Legislative and Executive branches of government are necessary to sustain the quality of the American system of justice. KACDL will continue to stand against any attempts to side step the process.

The Court’s decision makes clear that Kentuckians must be fully informed before our Constitution can be changed. Today, every Kentuckian is more secure in their liberty because of this decision.