

# KANAWHA COUNTY COMMISSION

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September 16, 2024

Governor Jim Justice  
Office of the Governor  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.  
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Burn Ban

Dear Governor Justice,

With extreme drought conditions plaguing Kanawha County we respectfully request your approval for a comprehensive burn ban in Kanawha County. The ongoing dry weather has resulted in an accumulation of dry vegetation and brittle leaves, significantly increasing the risk of fire hazards in our region.

The Kanawha County Commission, along with our Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, has closely monitored the weather forecasts. Unfortunately, projections indicate that dry conditions will persist throughout the week, heightening our concerns about the potential for forest fires. While we recognize that State Code prohibits outdoor burning from October 1 through December 31 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., we believe that taking further action is imperative to protect our community.

Implementing this burn ban would serve as a critical measure to help prevent forest fires, safeguard our homes, and protect the lives of our citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marc J. Slotnick in blue ink.

Marc J. Slotnick  
Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Lance Wheeler in blue ink.

Lance Wheeler  
President

Handwritten signature of Ben Salango in blue ink.

Ben Salango  
Commissioner