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TO: Kansas Legislature
FROM: Office of Kansas Secretary of State
DATE: November 16, 2020
SUBJECT: Dominion Voting Systems

Our office has received inquiries from members of the Kansas Legislature regarding Dominion Voting Systems. At a time where misinformation about the 2020 general election is prevalent, we felt it was imperative to provide you with accurate information to ensure continued trust in the safety and security of Kansas elections.

Despite the global pandemic, the 2020 general election went exceedingly well in Kansas. This success can be directly attributed to our 105 local election officials who worked tirelessly to implement COVID-19 precautions, recruit additional poll workers, and, most importantly, ensure voters could safely and securely cast their ballot. If you have not already contacted the election officials in your respective districts to thank them for their hard work, we encourage you to do so.

Much of the misinformation surrounding the election stems from online claims involving Dominion Voting Systems (Dominion). Dominion is a vendor that provides election equipment to 28 states, including Kansas. The accusations against Dominion vary but include serious allegations of having close association with partisan political operatives to software glitches causing votes to switch. State election officials take these claims seriously and work with federal and state authorities to investigate such claims. At this time, there is no evidence to support these charges in Kansas and it appears domestic bad actors are promoting this misinformation to sow distrust in the 2020 election results.

All U.S. voting systems must provide assurance they work accurately and reliably as intended under federal U.S. Election Assistance Commission and state certification and testing requirements. Before any voting system, equipment or software may be purchased or used by a county in Kansas, it must be certified by the Secretary of State. Manufacturers and vendors apply directly to the Secretary of State to have their systems reviewed and certified. There are multiple election safeguards - from testing and certification of voting systems, to canvassing and auditing - preventing malicious actors from tampering with vote counts and ensuring final vote tallies are accurate.

Additionally, the 2020 primary and general elections were the first major statewide elections in which post-election audits were performed in Kansas. As of today, we can report that all 105 counties in Kansas successfully completed their post-election audits from the November general election. All votes have been accounted for and foul play, of any kind, was not found. As the policy makers for the State of Kansas, you should be commended for having the foresight to implement post-election audit legislation that provides additional safeguards to help ensure the trustworthiness of our elections.

Thank you for your continued service to the State of Kansas. If we can be of service to you or your respective district, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Schwab".

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