Subject: Re: Public Records Act Request (WY-SOS-24-0001)
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 at 11:01:35 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: SOS Public Information Request
To: AO Records

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

This month, the EAC is highlighting:

VVSG 2.0 Migration

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Help America Vote College Program Grant Application Period Opens November 16

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The New ESTEP E-Poll Book Pilot Report and Virtual Event

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The 2022 EAVS State Briefs and Interactive Data

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Video Series for Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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Attend the TGDC Annual Meeting on December 5th

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VVSG 2.0 MIGRATION REMINDERÂ

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VVSG 2.0 Migration will conclude on November 15th. **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available to help election officials communicate with the media, the public, and stakeholders. Talking points address what migration means, and how EAC-certified VVSG 1.0 systems are secure and may continue to be used based on state and local law. There are also customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.Â Â Â

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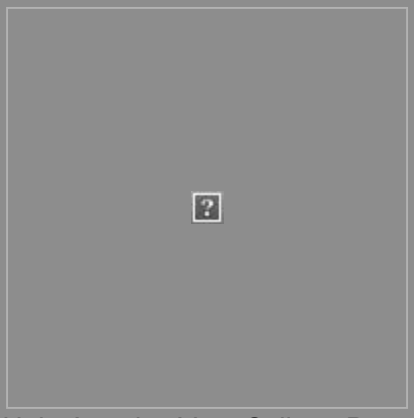
APPLY FOR THE HELP AMERICA VOTE COLLEGE PROGRAM GRANT

November 16 â December 18



Applications for the Help America Vote College Program (HAVCP) grant competition will be open from November 16 through December 18. Eligible organizations include accredited colleges (including community

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colleges) and universities, nonprofit organizations, and local and state election offices. There are two separate grant programs: the two-year HAVCP Poll Worker Grant and the one-year HAVCP Service Day Mini-Grant. These grants are designed to fund civic education, voter engagement efforts, poll worker recruitment, and training for college students.

For more information on these programs, including grant award amounts and document previews, visit **the HAVCPâ s webpage.**

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ESTEP E-Poll Book Pilot ReportÂ

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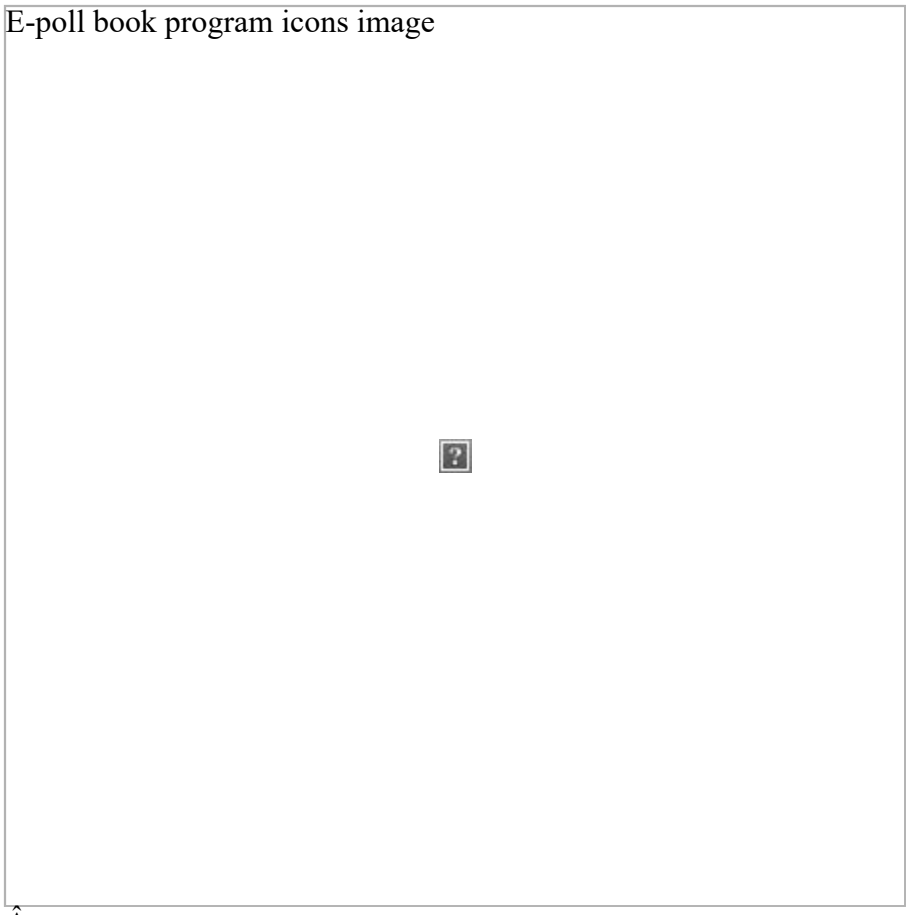

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The EACâ s Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) released findings from the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Pilot Program.** This pilot was conducted by ESTEP to test baseline requirements for e-poll books. The test results found that there was not a single requirement that all participants failed, and that developers are capable of meeting 95% of the requirements as currently drafted in the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (VEPBR v0.9).** Â

ESTEPâ s report identifies noteworthy findings, possible limitations, and plausible solutions to establishing a formal program for EPB certification. ESTEPâ s findings indicate that our nationâ s e-poll books are ready for use in elections. The ESTEP Director recommends a formal program for EPB testing and certification at the EAC. This report is accompanied by updates to eac.gov and a video explaining ESTEPâ s role and further details regarding the pilot.

Thank you to all the stakeholders who made this pilot possible through their time and talents. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Save the Date: November 17th and December 4th E-Poll Book Pilot Program Virtual Events

The EACâ s ESTEP program will have a **live event on November 17th** at 2:00 p.m. EST. Tune in to learn more about the E-Poll Book Pilot Program and this technology from pilot participants, state and local jurisdictions, and voting system test laboratories. Watch it on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.

Additionally, on December 4th at 1:00 p.m. EST, there will be **another virtual event** to discuss next steps for ESTEP and the E-Poll Book Pilot Program.

If you have any questions about the program or events, please contact **estep@eac.gov**.
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2022 EAVS STATE BRIEFS AND INTERACTIVE DATA

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EAC VIDEO SERIES: CYBERSECURITY AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

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Find all the **briefs and interactive data here.**

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The EAC has published data briefs for the states, D.C., and territories from the **2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS).** This data covers voter registration, election technology, voter turnout, and more, presented in easy-to-read statistics and charts.

The EAVS data has also been consolidated into an interactive data visualization tool that covers a variety of election aspects, including mail ballot curing, UOCAVA voters, sources of voter registrations, and more. It presents the data with in-depth numbers broken down by state and county levels.

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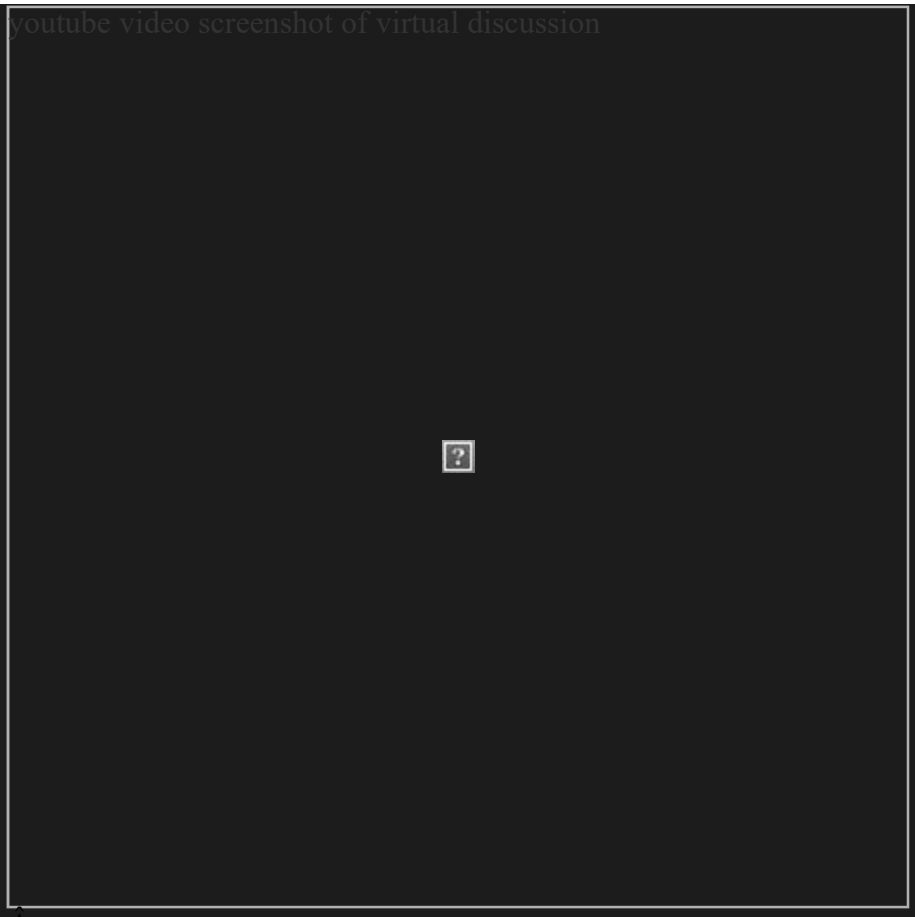

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To mark Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, the EAC Commissioners spoke with several subject matter experts on the topic and the various ways it applies to election administration.

Watch the panels on the **EAC's YouTube channel.**

Commissioner Ben Hovland discussed cybersecurity basics for election officials with Geoff Hale, lead at the Election Security and Resilience team at CISAâ s National Risk Management Center. CISA offers a range of resources that may be helpful to election officials, which can be found **here.**

In recent years, options to cast a ballot privately and independently have expanded, including electronic ballot delivery. This method is one that can benefit voters with disabilities. Commissioner Thomas Hicks discussed the importance of accessibility as well as the security of ballot delivery systems with Dr. Sharon Laskowski, a computer scientist and Deputy Division Chief of the Information Access Division at NIST; Dr. Kathryn Summers, a professor at the University of Baltimore; and Dylan Martin, a security specialist for SLI Compliance.

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Commissioner Donald Palmer discussed the impact of AI technology and what voters and election officials need to know about this evolving technology. Joining him were Howard Knapp, Executive Director of the South Carolina Elections Commission; Sherry Poland, Director of the Hamilton County, Ohio, Board of Elections; and Steve Daitch, a senior subject matter expert at the EAC.

Chairwoman Christy McCormick discussed the role of the EAC in election security by diving into the work of the agencyâs Testing and Certification program and the Field Services program. Jon Panek, the Director of Testing and Certification and Dan Cox, Manager of the Field Services program, discussed how the EAC supports election officials to secure elections.

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Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Highlight:Â Priority Telecommunications Services

Priority in communications is crucial to continuity of operations when facing adverse conditions such as weather events, mass gatherings, cyber-attacks, or events arising from human error. Check out these resources on CISAâ s priority telecommunications services that enable essential personnel to communicate when networks are degraded or congested. These services cover GETS (landline phones) and WPS (cell phones) telecom prioritization at all levels of government.

The EAC also has **several COOP materials,** including a plan template, quick-start guide, a chapter in the Election Management Guidelines, and more.

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New EAC Office of the Inspector General Website

The EACâ s Office of the Inspector General debuted a new website to make information like audit plans, reports, and how to file a fraud

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report easier to find. Visit these materials and more on **their new website.**Â

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ATTEND THE TGDC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 5

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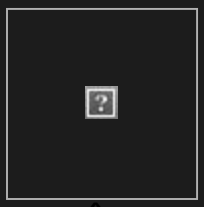

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The EACâ s **Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)** will host an in-person public meeting on December 5, 2023, at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Rockville, Maryland. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on EAC and NIST program updates, the VVSG annual review, lab testing strategies, and more.Â

The TGDC is composed of 14 members appointed jointly by EAC and the director of NIST.

Registration is required to attend this event in person. The meeting will also be live-streamed. Learn more on the **meeting event page.**

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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day Recap

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New Resources: AI Toolkit and Voting Process Changes Simulations Series

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Commissioner Hovlandâ s Video on Engaging Student Voters in College Communities

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING NATIONAL POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT DAY 2023 A SUCCESS! Â

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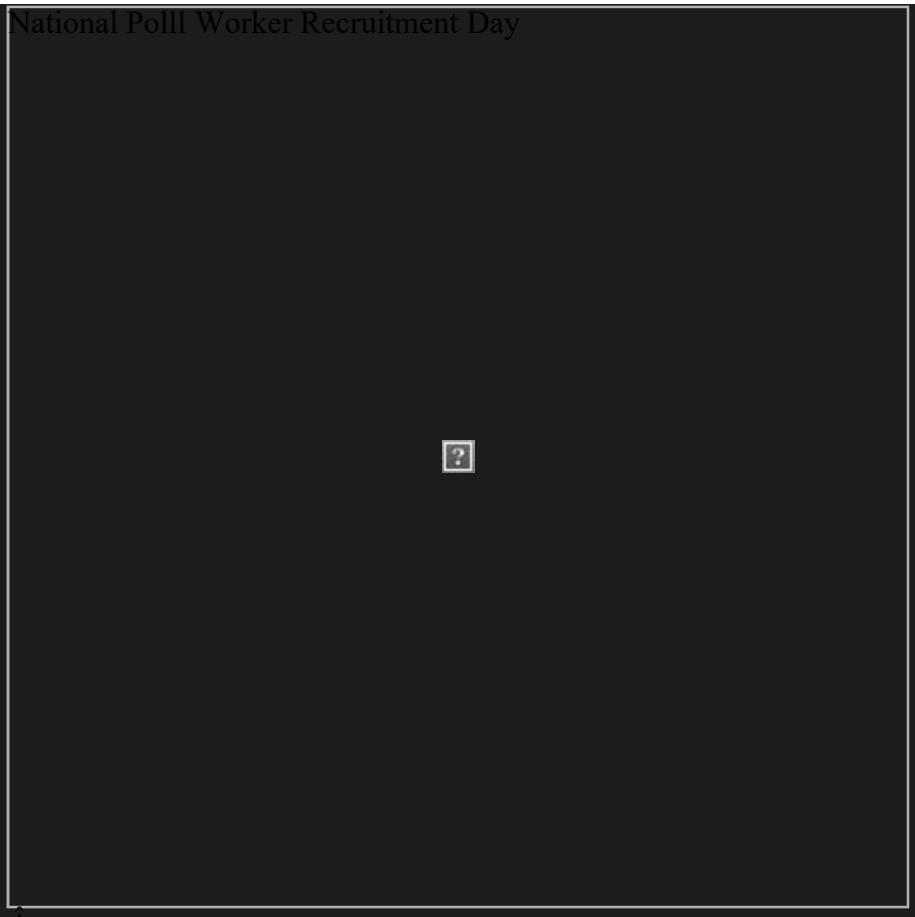
National Polll Worker Recruitment Day



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The EACâ s third annual National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of election offices, organizations, and individuals across the country. Social media was flooded with information on how to sign up to be a poll worker in your local community. State and local election offices across 40 states and the District of Columbia participated in National Poll Worker Recruitment Day this year.Â Â

While National Poll Worker Recruitment Day 2023 has passed, EAC resources, such as the customizable graphics, can be used at any time for poll worker recruitment efforts. In addition to social media, you can add them to mailers, flyers, newsletters, videos, and other creative efforts.Â

The EAC also added the following resources on poll workers to its toolbox in August:

- A new blog post, **Best Practices for Recruiting High School and College Students**, is aimed at supporting recruitment efforts among high school and college students.Â
- To help understand the different legal requirements and

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regulations for serving as a poll worker in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia, the EAC put together a **State-by-State Poll Worker Compendium.**

- The EAC also released this **Quick Tips Guide** to help election officials recruit poll workers, from general to targeted demographics.

Commissioner Donald Palmer interviewed election officials about their poll worker best practices and activities for National Poll Worker Recruitment Day to mark the occasion**.** **You can watch the interview here**.

Make sure to mark your calendars for next year!

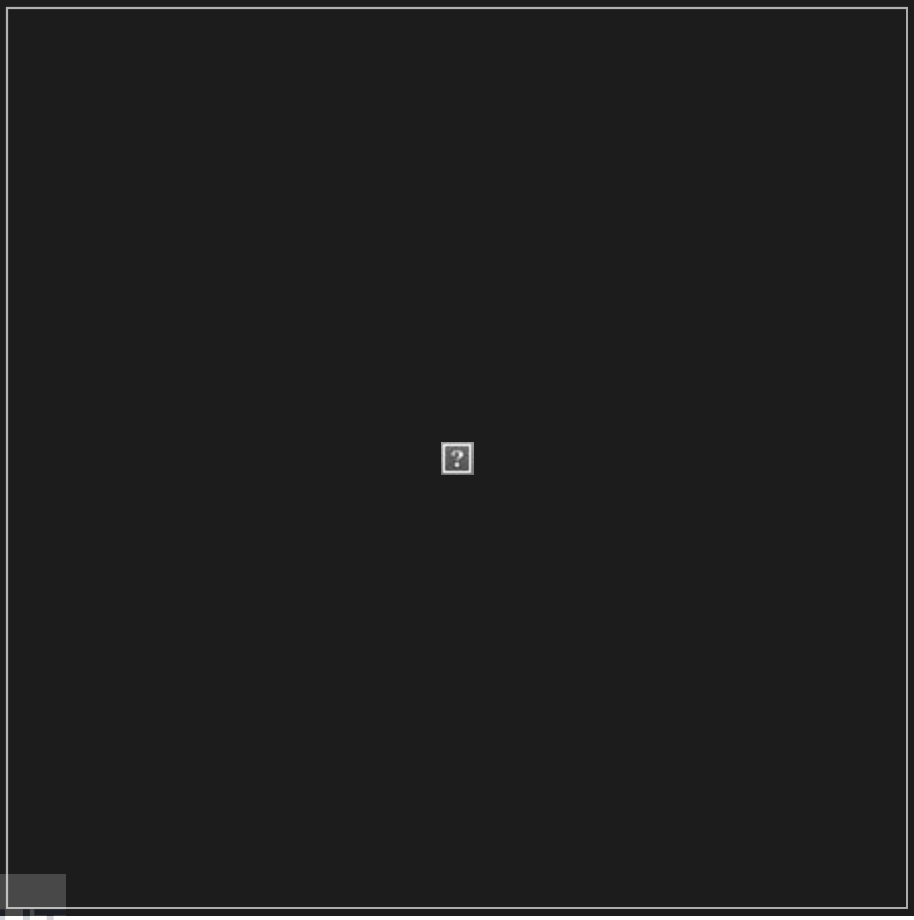
Help America Vote Day will be onÂ

January 30, 2024

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day will be

August 1, 2024

Information on these efforts will be available at HelpAmericaVote.gov and the EACâ s newsletter.



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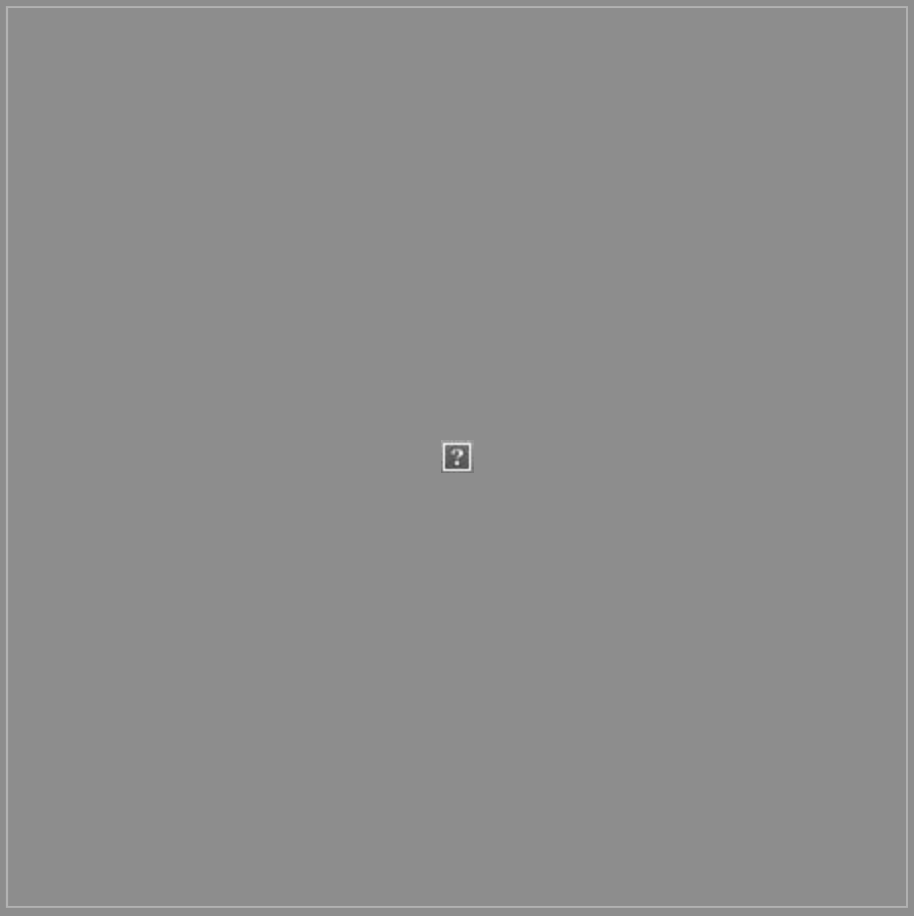
AI TOOLKIT FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS



The impact of artificial intelligence is yet to be seen, but like any technology, AI tools are used for a variety of purposesâ good, bad, and neutral. This new EAC toolkit provides election officials with a general understanding of AI tools and the opportunities and threats that they create for effective election administration. **View it here.**

The resource includes:

- An overview of existing AI tools;
- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of these tools in the field of election administration;
- Communications tips and best practices for navigating AI-generated content;
- A handout template that election officials can use to direct voters and constituents to verifiable sources of accurate information.

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Voting Process Changes Simulations Video

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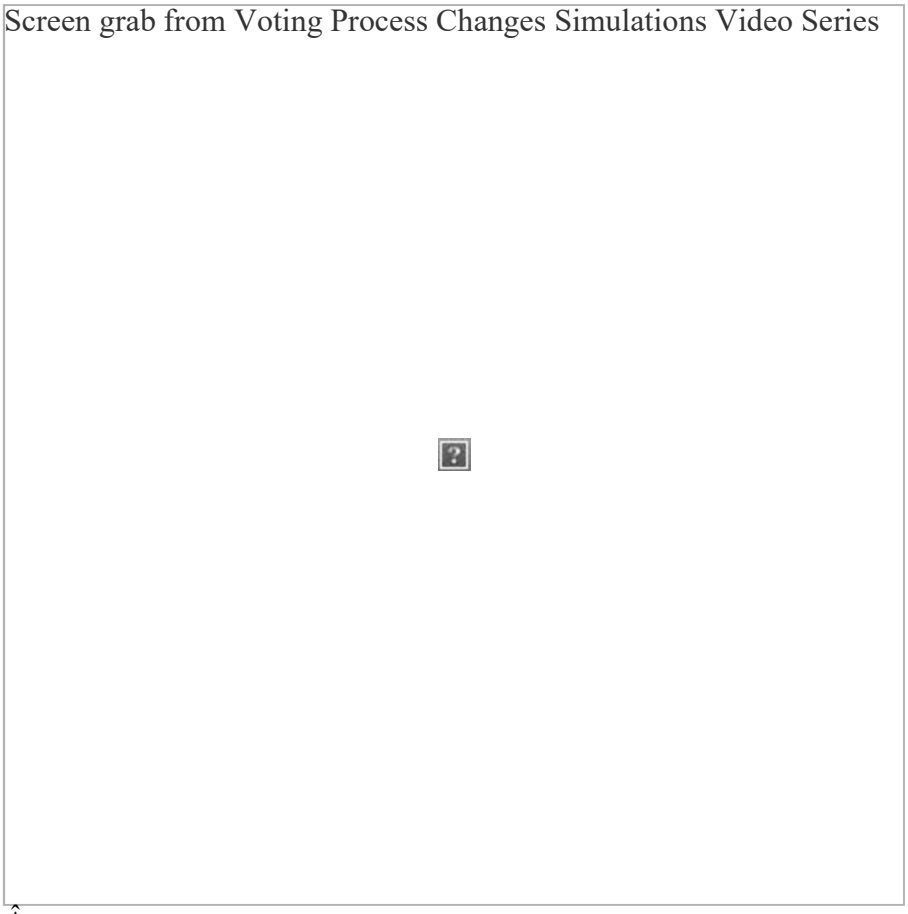

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The EAC released a fourth set of videos as part of the simulation series intended to help election officials develop strategies for incorporating new processes and equipment at polling places. The simulations in this series explore different strategies based on voting processes, available resources, and voter arrival patterns. Through seven videos, election officials will be able to visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting location. Â

Watch it here.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. **More information on this project and on the first simulation series on polling place consolidation can be found on the EACâ s website.**

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BACK TO SCHOOL:

Engaging Student Voters in College

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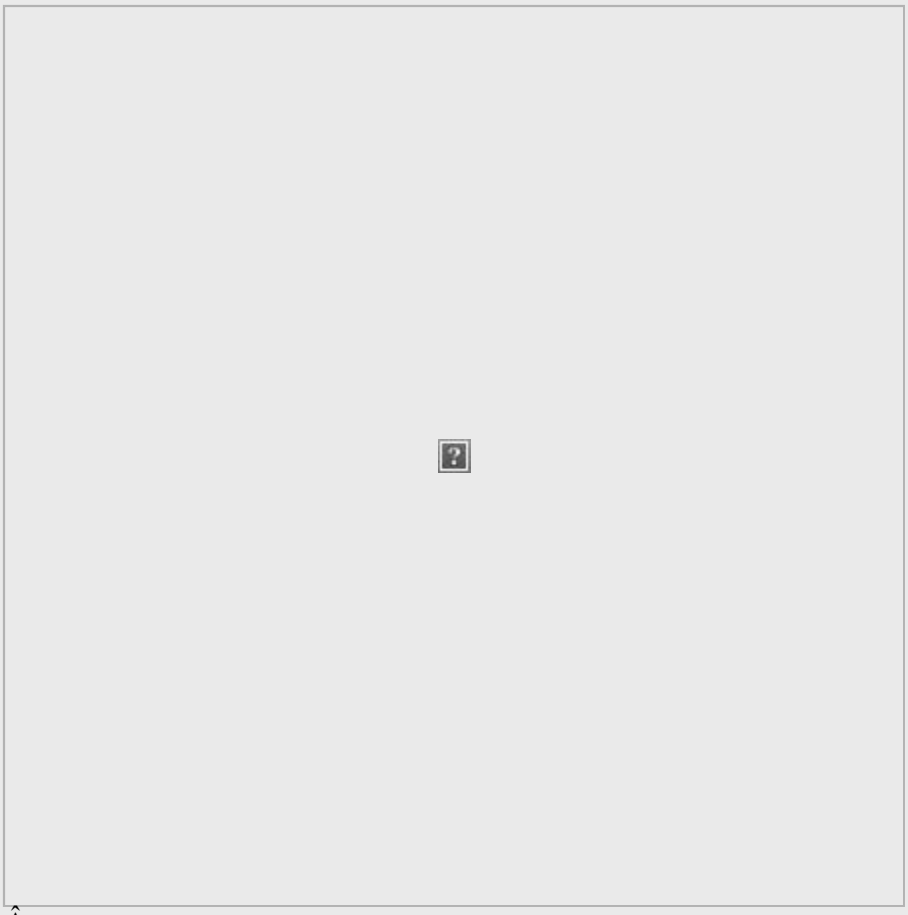

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As students return to campus this fall, they may have questions about their voting options and how to cast a ballot if they are registered at their home address. Commissioner Hovland spoke with experts about best practices for engaging college students in the voting process. Participants highlighted the value of using college interns and campus media organizations to engage with students and get the word out about voting resources. They also recommended using social media to engage students and having resources in multiple languages to reach language-diverse college communities.Â Â

Â **Watch it here.**

Participants included:

- Clarissa Unger, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Students Learn Students Vote CoalitionÂ Â
- Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, Ph.D., Executive Director, ALL IN Campus Democracy ChallengeÂ Â

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Marissa Corrente, Registrar of Voters, District of Columbia Board of ElectionsÂ Â

- Yael Bromberg, Principal, Bromberg Law LLC and Rutgers Law School, Lecturer, *Election Law & the Political Process*Â Â

Commissioner Hovland **previously interviewed election officials** on how they serve and engage student voters in their communities.
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EAC Commissioners and Staff Earn CERA Certification

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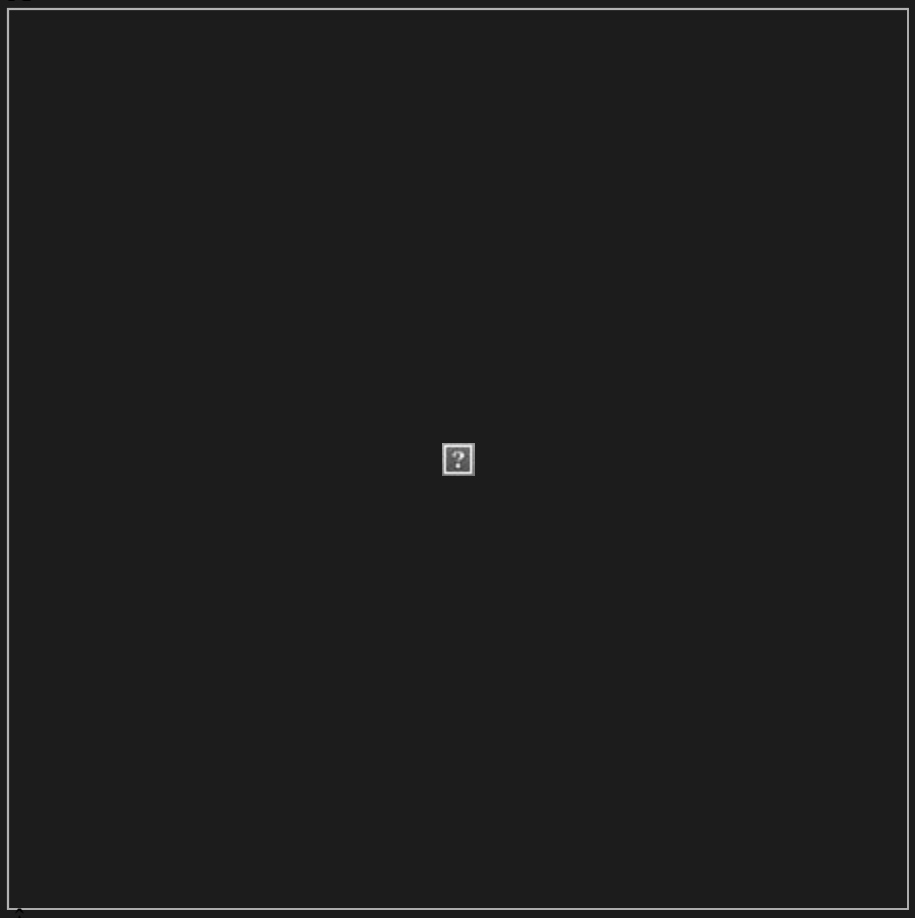

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Congratulations to EAC Vice Chair Ben Hovland (left), Kim Smith, EAC Senior Election Subject Matter Expert (center), and EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks (right), who graduated from the Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) program. This is the highest professional achievement for those who work in elections. This multi-year course of study is taught by faculty from Auburn Universityâ s Master in Public Administration program in partnership with the Election Center. The program focuses on the management of elections administration, as well as the promotion and preservation of

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public trust in the democratic process. The EACâ s Clearinghouse team includes several subject matter experts who previously earned CERA certifications, including Steven Daitch, Sara Brady, and Heider Garcia.Â Â

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 Migration

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Reminder: **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available on eac.gov. These resources include talking points to help communicate with media, the public, and stakeholders, as well as customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.

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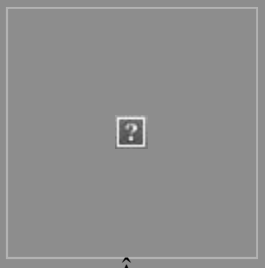

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Cc: Donald Palmer; Heather Ford; Adam Thomas
Subject: EAC Voter List Maintenance Pilot Study
Date: Friday, September 08, 2023 6:24:18 AM

Hi C.J.,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to follow up with you regarding EAC's Voter List Maintenance Pilot study. Commissioner Palmer mentioned that you might have availability on Tuesday to discuss this pilot program in more detail. Are you and Secretary Gray available at 2:00 pm ET, next Tuesday September 12th for a phone or video call?

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Kammi Foote | Chief Subject Matter Expert
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Kammi

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Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:53:49 AM
Attachments: invite.ics

EAC Voter List Maintenance Pilot Study

cj.young1@wyo.gov has accepted this invitation.

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To: Maria Benson
Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:46 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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From: Dodd, Stacy
To: Dodd; Stacy
Subject: NASS 2023 Winter Conference - Travel Tips, Reminders & Weather
Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:53:18 AM
Attachments: draft-agenda-nass-winter23-020923.pdf

Dear NASS Conference Attendee:

We are excited to see everyone very soon in Washington, DC. Before you arrive, we wanted to send you some last-minute reminders and information.

Business attire is recommended for the winter conference. At the welcome reception on Thursday, 2/16 we will take a group SOS/ Lt. Gov picture. **Your conference-issued name badge is absolutely necessary.** Please **WEAR IT** while in the meeting space at the hotel and at evening events. We will have law enforcement at the hotel. They will be looking for your conference badge to identify that you are a part of our group. The weather forecast includes daytime highs ranging from the mid-60's to the mid-40's and evening lows ranging from mid-20's to mid-50's. There is a chance of rain on Thursday and Friday. Welcome to DC!

The registration desk will officially open at 12PM on 2/15/23 and will be in the Tiber Creek Foyer on level 1B. NASS Committee meetings and sessions in the Independence East/West ballroom on Thursday and Friday will not have a U-Shape or hollow square set-up. Instead, the first few rows of seating will be classroom style with microphones. These rows are **RESERVED** for Secretaries of State or their proxy. Classroom seating (without microphones) and theater seating behind the first few rows will be for general conference attendees. Please do not stand in the back of meeting rooms or block doorways. Attached is the latest conference agenda. Please do not share outside of your office.

The Grand Hyatt Washington DC is approx. 5 miles from Reagan National Airport (DCA) and 27 miles from Dulles International Airport (IAD). Please arrange your own ground transportation. Valet parking overnight at the Hyatt is $62 daily. There are more parking options as well as Metro information available here - Hotels Near Washington DC Metro Stations | Grand Hyatt Washington.

The NASS WiFi code in the meeting space at the Hyatt is-
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Safe Travels!

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DRAFT: NASS 2023 WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

Please Note: Agenda is subject to change. Committee meetings and sessions are open to all attendees, unless otherwise noted. Conference dress is business attire. **Valid conference ID badge is required for entry to ALL meetings and events. You must be registered to receive conference ID badge.** All meeting times are listed in Eastern time. Most meetings will be held on the Independence level (5B) of the Grand Hyatt, except on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 meetings will be held on level 1B.

WEDNESDAY – February 15, 2023

Registration check-in open 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Tiber Creek Foyer – Level 1B).

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET	**Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council (EIS-GCC) Meeting (not a NASS mtg.)** Declaration AB (Level 1B)
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - NASS Executive Board Meeting & Lunch** Tiber Creek AB (Level 1B) *Any NASS Member Secretary/ Lieutenant Governor may attend* Resolution - NASS Resolution in Support of Self Determination and Equality for Puerto Rico
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET	**Expo/Demo Set-Up** Independence Foyer
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM ET	**Afternoon Break** Declaration Foyer (Level 1B)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - Secretaries-Only Meeting** Declaration AB (Level 1B)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION – State Staff Only Meeting** Banneker (Level 1B)
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - New Member Orientation w/ NASS Exec. Board** Tiber Creek AB (Level 1B) *Any NASS Member Secretary/ Lieutenant Governor may attend*

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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ET **CLOSED SESSION - New Member Reception at Microsoft**
All NASS Member Secretaries/ Lieutenant Governors are invited to attend, plus one guest (901 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001)

THURSDAY – February 16, 2023

Registration check-in open 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Independence Foyer - Level 5B).

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM ET **Breakfast**
Independence ABCDE

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET **Expo/Demo**
Independence Foyer

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM ET **Cybersecurity Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA & Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
Independence East/West

- Overview of NASS Cybersecurity Committee
  Ms. Lindsey Forson, Deputy Executive Director, NASS
- Cybersecurity in 2023: A Fireside Chat with CISA Director, Ms. Jen Easterly
  Moderated by Hon. Tahesha Way, Secretary of State, New Jersey
- A Look Ahead at Cyber Threats to the Homeland
  Ms. Cynthia Kaiser, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI Cyber Division
- Cybersecurity Lessons from Abroad
  Ms. Ginny Badanes, Senior Director of Democracy Forward, Microsoft

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM ET **Morning Break**
Independence Foyer

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ET **Elections Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM
Independence East/West

- Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program
- Overview of NASS Elections Committee
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- Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules
  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- US Election Assistance Commission – Voting Systems Guidelines and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot
  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET **NASS Awards Luncheon Featuring the Posthumous Presentation of the 2022 Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award to Miguel Trujillo and Mr. John Schreiber, President & CEO, New Jersey Performing Arts Center**
Independence ABCDE

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET **Workshop: Election Security**
Independence East/West

- Overview of Federal Government Support for State and Local Election Officials & Election Security Priorities for 2023-2024
  Mr. Geoff Hale, Election Security Initiative Lead, CISA
  Ms. Kim Wyman, Senior Advisor for Election Security, CISA

- Stations:
  CISA Cybersecurity Support
  CISA Protective Security Support
  Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM ET **Afternoon Break**
Independence Foyer

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET **State Heritage Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Cord Byrd, FL & Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
Independence East/West

- Overview of the State Heritage Committee
  Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA

- Using 1950 Census Data – Handwriting Recognition Technology
  Mr. Jared Akenhead, Senior Manager for Content Acquisition, Ancestry.com

- Council of State Archivists (CoSA) Preparing Archives for Records in Email (PREPARE) Initiative

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Mr. Lopez Matthews, Administrator of the Office of Public Records and Archives, Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia
Ms. Tamara Martin, State Archivist, California Secretary of State

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM ET **Welcome Reception**
Independence Foyer

FRIDAY – February 17, 2023

Registration check-in open 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Independence Foyer – Level 5B).

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET **Breakfast - International Relations Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Michael Adams, KY & Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
Independence ABCDE

- Delegation to Israel in December 2023 (Project Interchange)
  Ms. Elanna Cahn, American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- Council on Foreign Relations Services and Resources
  Ms. Irina Faskianos & Mr. Chris Tuttle, Council on Foreign Relations
- U.S. State Department Services and Resources & International Protocol
  Ms. Sharmeen Khan, U.S. State Department

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET **Expo/Demo**
Independence Foyer

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM ET **Business Services Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. John Thurston, AR & Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
Independence East/West

- Resolution - NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards
- Overview of NASS Business Services Committee
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS
- FinCEN and US Treasury: Guidance and Tools for the Implementation of the Final Rule for the Corporate Transparency Act
  Ms. Sarah Liebschutz, Senior Advisor, CTA Implementation, FinCEN
  Mr. Scott Rembrandt, Deputy Secretary, Office of Terrorism Financing and Financial Crimes, US Treasury

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- The Better Business Bureau Institute for Marketplace Trust and their Resources
  Ms. Melissa Lanning Trumpower, Executive Director, Better Business Bureau Institute for Marketplace Trust

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM ET **Morning Break**
Independence Foyer

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET **Workshop: Digital Government in 2023: Trends, Opportunities, and Challenges**
Independence East/West

Ms. Ann Lewis, Director of the Technology Transformation Services, General Services Administration (GSA)

Mr. Ryan Galluzzo, Identity Program Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET **Lunch featuring Keynote Speaker, Ms. Joan Lunden, Award-Winning Journalist, Best-selling Author and Former Television Host**
Independence ABCDE

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET **Headshot Lounge Open**
McPherson Square
Secretaries, Lieutenant Governors and State Government Staff
in need of a new headshot? Come join us for a complimentary headshot that can be used for your website, social media, speaker bio, news articles, etc.

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET **Securities Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. David Scanlan, NH & Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
Franklin Square

- Overview of the Securities Committee
  Hon. David Scanlan, NH & Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC

- Roundtable Discussion of State Regulatory, Educational and Enforcement Issues

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM ET **Afternoon Break**
Independence Foyer

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM ET **Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper**
Independence East/West

Background on the case, the players and the arguments.
Ms. Susan Parnas Frederick, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

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5:30 PM – 6:45 PM ET **Reception for Secretaries of State & NASS Corporate Affiliates**
Cabinet

SATURDAY – February 18, 2023

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM ET **Breakfast**
Independence East

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET **Expo/Demo Tear Down**
Independence Foyer

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM ET **CLOSED SESSION - Secretaries-Only Meeting**
Independence DE

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM ET **CLOSED SESSION – Communications Staff Roundtable**
Independence BC

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM ET **Morning Break**
Independence Foyer

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET **NASS Business Meeting**
Independence West
Members will vote on business items adopted by NASS committees.

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Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:47 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:22 PM
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Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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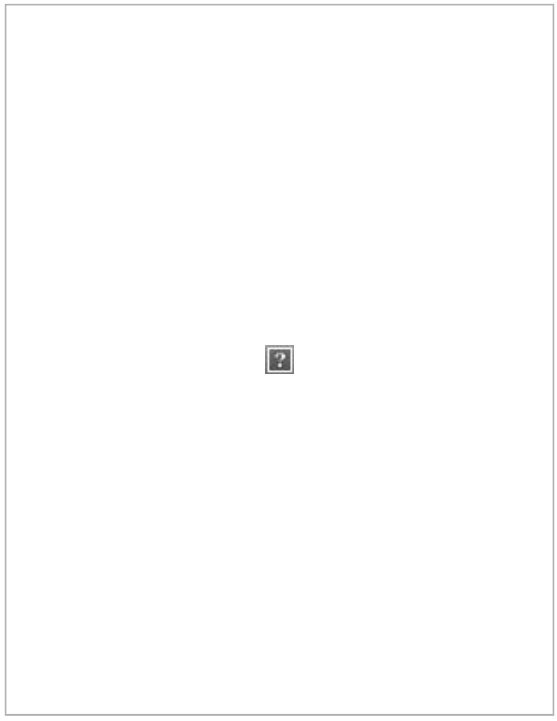
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
- **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all of the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.**
- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. **GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allows users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form**.
- For states that require users to register with a party to participate in primary elections, the user will be presented with a form field to fill in the name of a party. For the affirmation portion of the online form, GSA is working with the EAC counsel to see if there is a way to make that language more clear.
- After the online form is complete, a confirmation page provide users with instructions for printing and mailing the completed form. The instructions for where to mail the form include the state election office address, based on the state specific instructions. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.**
- Currently the online tool will generate the full 27-page PDF with the completed application form and instructions for each state. GSA is considering just having the tool generate a PDF with the completed application form and the basic instructions, in order to reduce the size of the document.

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Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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Date:	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:41:15 AM

Standards Board Members,

On January 25, 2023 at 1:00pm ET, the Executive Board will hold a virtual Executive Board meeting and encourages all Standards Board Members to join for a discussion of issues and lessons learned in the 2022 election cycle. Executive Board members will lead a discussion on a variety of topics. This meeting is intended to be conversational and to focus on issues that are at the forefront of election officials' minds going into 2023 and 2024. In order for the meeting to be productive, we encourage all Standards Board Members to participate.

The Board identified the following topics for discussion:

- Public Records Requests
- Legislative Changes
- Physical Security
- Retention and Wellness of Election Officials
- VVSG 2.0, Voting Equipment, and Software Challenges
- Pollworkers and Temporary Employees

However, members are welcome to submit additional topics for consideration here (https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7169552/Standards-Board-January-25-Executive-Board-Meeting-Discussion-Topics) by **COB on January 13, 2023**. The Executive Board hopes this conversation and input from Standards Board Members will inform the direction of the Annual Meeting and the Standards Board's focus in 2023.

Additionally, the Executive Board has selected **Thursday, April 13, 2023 and Friday, April 14, 2023** for the in-person annual meeting dates. Additional information, including the meeting location and logistics, will be provided as it becomes available.

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Subject: BREAKING: Michael Knowles is Coming to Clemson!
Date: Friday, November 10, 2023 10:21:46 AM

Greetings,

Young Americans for Freedom at Clemson University would like to personally invite you to attend our event with Michael Knowles on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Strom Thurmond Auditorium.

The event,Â *Michael Knowles:Â* MEN ARE NOT WOMEN is open to Clemson students and the greater Clemson community. Michael will speak on a variety of topics including gender and answer questions that students and the general audience may have.Â

It is an honor to host Michael Knowles on our campus, and we would love for you to be a part of this event. Due to limited capacity, please register for your ticket here:

- Michael Knowles Tickets

Please donâ t hesitate to contact me by email atÂ clemsonuniversityyaf@gmail.comÂ if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Taylor Adams
President

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:21 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-100523.docx image001.png
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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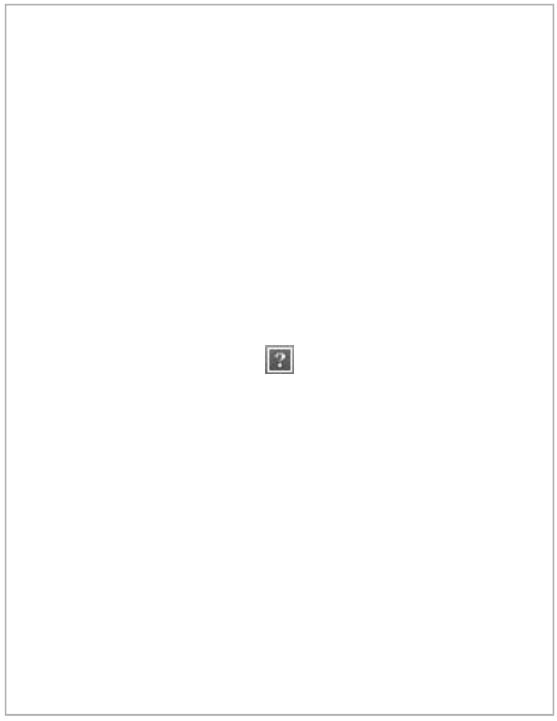
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
- **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all of the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.**
- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. **GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allows users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form**.
- For states that require users to register with a party to participate in primary elections, the user will be presented with a form field to fill in the name of a party. For the affirmation portion of the online form, GSA is working with the EAC counsel to see if there is a way to make that language more clear.
- After the online form is complete, a confirmation page provide users with instructions for printing and mailing the completed form. The instructions for where to mail the form include the state election office address, based on the state specific instructions. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.**
- Currently the online tool will generate the full 27-page PDF with the completed application form and instructions for each state. GSA is considering just having the tool generate a PDF with the completed application form and the basic instructions, in order to reduce the size of the document.

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Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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From: Maria Benson
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Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:46 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:51 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: "Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

Come hear top Postal Service Leaders and Election Officials discuss topics such as:

- Securing and Ensuring the Integrity of Election Mail
- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
- Leveraging Data for Better Election Administration through Business Intelligence
- Understanding Address Management Services
- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 3/23, NASED Letter to EAC on Deprecation Education, 3/23 House Admin Hearing on Observers, 3/23 HSGP Grant Overview Call for Elections, USPS Survey on 3/21, EAC Voter List Maintenance
Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:13 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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- One Day Conference Registration: $149 (Wednesday, May 24th, 8:00am – 3:00pm, EST)
- Tuesday Evening NPF Reception (Tuesday, May 23rd, 4:00pm – 5:30pm EST)
- Wednesday Election Mail Forum/Networking Luncheon (Wednesday, May 24th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, EST)
- Evening Closing Event – NASCAR Hall Of Fame (Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm – 10:00pm, EST)

Simply follow these registration prompts:

1) Go to NPF Registration: https://registration.npf.org/login

2) Log in, or set up an account if you are a first time attendee. (This will take you to the profile page. If this is your first time, please answer the profile questions.)

3) Click on the blue registration button

4) Select **Election Mail Forum** and click continue.

5) No discounts apply. Click continue.

6) Click Yes or No for a hotel reservation, click continue.

7) Enter payment information, and submit.

For complete details go to NPF.org/promos/election-mail-day

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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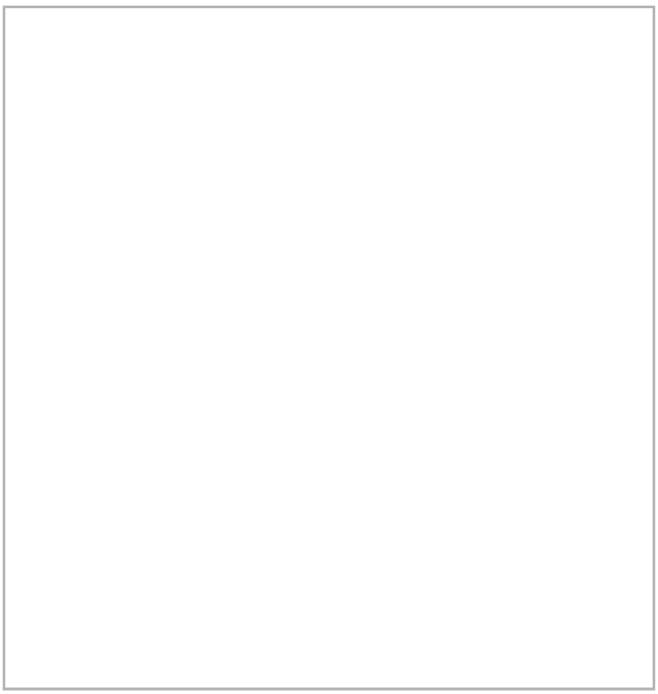

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

Thanks,
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:43 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call
Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference
Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair
Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023
Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

Thanks,
Leslie

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:02 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Attached are the notes from our call yesterday.

Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
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NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached you will find the agenda for the **NASS Elections Committee** during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference on **Thursday, Feb 16, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM**. We will hear from Senate Rules and House Administration Committee staff as well as the US Election Assistance Commission.

Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

Thanks so much!
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From: Kimberly Smith
To: Standards Board
Cc: Donald Palmer; Mark Robbins; Amanda Joiner; Kristen Muthig; Camden Kelliher
Subject: Standards Board - Executive Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2023 10:59:02 AM
Attachments: 2023-01-05 Executive Board of EAC SB Meeting Agenda.docx

Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5 at 3:30pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

Topic: Standards Board Executive Board meeting 1/5
Time: Jan 5, 2023 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join ZoomGov Meeting
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EXECUTIVE BOARD
U.S. ELECTION COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 12:30 pm PST/AZ, 1:30 pm MT, 2:30 pm CST and 3:30 pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

[redacted]

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Chair or Vice Chair**
2. **Roll Call, Secretary**
3. **Opening Comments, DFO Palmer**
4. **TGDC Representative**
5. **January 25 Virtual Meeting Planning**
6. **Annual Meeting**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

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Cc:	Thomas Hicks; Christy McCormick; Benjamin Hovland; Donald Palmer; Steven Frid; Kristen Muthig; Camden Kelliher; Kristen Lee; Heather Ford
Subject:	Standards Board - TGDC Vacancy Notice
Date:	Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:15:54 PM

Standards Board Members,

Recently, one of the Standards Board representatives to the TGDC vacated the position. The EAC and the Executive Board are soliciting interest for members that may be interested in serving on the TGDC. **This TGDC position may only be filled by a current, state-level Standards Board member**. Per the TGDC Charter, the EAC published a notice of vacancy for this position here: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/10/16/2023-22746/technical-guidelines-development-committee-tgdc-notice-of-vacancy. The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) assists EAC in developing the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The chairperson of the TGDC is the director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The TGDC is composed of 14 other members appointed jointly by EAC and the director of NIST. More information on the TGDC is available here: https://www.eac.gov/about/technical_guidelines_development_committee.

Interested state-level members should notify ADFO Kim Smith directly, at ksmith@eac.gov by **October 31**.

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Subject:	Standards Board COOP Training Invitation
Date:	Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:31:46 PM

Standards Board Members,

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has developed a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Template to support election officials in creating or refining contingency plans for their organizations. The Template will be released this summer. The EAC is inviting Standards Board members to participate in a COOP Template Virtual Training Workshop that will be scheduled after the template is released.

COOP planning is defined in the National Continuity Policy Implementation Plan (NCPIP) and the National Security Presidential Directive-51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive-20 (NSPD-51/HSPD-20) as "an effort within individual executive departments and agencies to ensure that Primary Mission Essential Functions (PMEFs) continue to be performed during a wide range of emergencies, including localized acts of nature, accidents and technological or attack-related emergencies."

The approximately 2-hour virtual training will be hosted by the EAC and our contracted consulting firm, Business Contingency Group (BCG), who helped develop the Template. During the training, we will review the content of the Template and describe how organizations can customize it to meet their needs. We plan to hold the training in Summer 2023. **If you're interested in participating in the COOP Template Virtual Training Workshop, please sign up by July 7 and we'll notify you when the training has been scheduled: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7402476/Standards-Board-COOP-Template-Virtual-Training**. We look forward to your participation. Later this fall, we will also be offering tabletop exercises (TTXs) to test the plans outlined in the COOPs. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you,

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Subject:	Standards Board Committees
Date:	Monday, April 17, 2023 6:52:35 AM

Hello Standards Board Members,

All members are encouraged to indicate their interest in serving on Standards Board committees via the committee interest survey: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7294477/Standards-Board-Committee-Interest. Members do not need to be present at the annual meeting to participate in committees. If you have not already, please complete the survey by **COB on Tuesday, April 18**.

Thank you,
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Subject:	Standards Board Committees and Reminders
Date:	Monday, April 10, 2023 8:03:46 AM

Hello Standards Board Members,

All members interested in serving on a Standards Board committee can complete the following survey: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7294477/Standards-Board-Committee-Interest. The Executive Board will consider committee assignments at their **April 18** meeting, and all are encouraged to submit their interest to the Board via the survey along with their top choice and any previous committee experience.

For members who are attending the in-person meeting – please contact me as soon as possible if your flights have not been booked. Additionally, please remember to register for the optional tours by **Friday, April 14**: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7291862/Standards-Board-Option-Tours-Registration.

For members who are not attending the in-person meeting – if you have not already submitted a proxy, you may do so until the first day of the meeting. Proxies may be submitted to the Chair via Standards Board ADFO Kim Smith at ksmith@eac.gov.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:50 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: "Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

Come hear top Postal Service Leaders and Election Officials discuss topics such as:

- Securing and Ensuring the Integrity of Election Mail
- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
- Leveraging Data for Better Election Administration through Business Intelligence
- Understanding Address Management Services
- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
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3) Click on the blue registration button

4) Select **Election Mail Forum** and click continue.

5) No discounts apply. Click continue.

6) Click Yes or No for a hotel reservation, click continue.

7) Enter payment information, and submit.

This is your opportunity to meet and network with Postal Service Leadership, State Election Executives, and Election Mail preparation vendors.

Special Registration for this event includes:

- One Day Conference Registration: $149 (Wednesday, May 24th, 8:00am – 3:00pm, EST)
- Tuesday Evening NPF Reception (Tuesday, May 23rd, 4:00pm – 5:30pm EST)
- Wednesday Election Mail Forum/Networking Luncheon (Wednesday, May 24th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, EST)
- Evening Closing Event – NASCAR Hall Of Fame (Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm – 10:00pm, EST)

For complete details go to NPF.org/promos/election-mail-day

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Subject:	Standards Board Executive Board Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, April 05, 2023 6:01:35 AM
Attachments:	2023-04-06 Executive Board of EAC SB Meeting Agenda.docx

Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

Kimberly Smith is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

Topic: Standards Board Executive Board Meeting
Time: Apr 6, 2023 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join ZoomGov Meeting

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EXECUTIVE BOARD
U.S. ELECTION COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 1:00 pm PST/AZ, 2:00 pm MT, 3:00 pm CST and 4:00 pm EST
Join Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Chair or Vice Chair**
2. **Roll Call, Secretary**
3. **Opening Comments**
4. **Annual Meeting Update**
5. **Committees – Proxy and Election Certification**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

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Subject:	Standards Board - Materials for Annual Meeting
Date:	Thursday, April 06, 2023 1:16:42 PM
Attachments:	VVSG_Lifecycle_Policy_9_22.pdf EPB Master Requirements Draft.pdf Voter Education Program Research Background.pdf

Hello Standards Board Members,

Attached please find important supporting materials for several presentations that will take place at the Standards Board annual meeting. The materials include:

- VVSG Lifecycle Policy – Part 4 of the Policy outlines the process for VVSG review and updates. Jon Panek, Director of Testing and Certification will give a presentation on the annual review process and answer member questions.
- Draft Voluntary E-Poll Book Certification Requirements – Members are invited to review the draft requirements and **submit comments and questions to ESTEP@eac.gov ahead of the meeting**. Questions submitted in advance will be included as stakeholder feedback in the comprehensive pilot report. Jay Phelps, Director of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) will give a presentation on the e-poll book pilot and answer member questions.
- EAC Voter Education Program Research Background and Draft Survey – The brief provides background on the draft Voter Education Program Survey, which will be discussed by Steven Daitch, Senior Election Subject Matter Expert, and Dr. Mara Suttmann-Lea at the annual meeting. Members can preview the survey via a link in the brief and provide feedback at the meeting.

Members are invited to review the materials in preparation for the annual meeting. All materials shared in advance of the meeting can also be accessed here: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/5urmanqxqrom0yxx2ab3u/h?dl=0&rlkey=bhf77mh5tmf63y45s8pq0p8au.

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Subject:	Action Required - EAC Standards Board Annual Meeting RSVP & Travel Info
Date:	Friday, March 31, 2023 1:57:51 PM
Attachments:	Standards_Board_2023_Annual_Meeting_RSVP_Survey.pdf 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda DRAFT.pdf
Importance:	High

Hello Deputy Secretary Naiman and Clerk White,

We recently received your appointment to the EAC's Standards Board as the state and local representatives of Wyoming. You can find information on the Board on our website here: https://www.eac.gov/about_the_eac/standards_board. Below please find an invitation to our 2023 annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ – we hope you'll be able to attend. We understand this is short notice, but if you can reply by **Monday, April 3**, we will still be able to include you in the room block. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The EAC is excited to invite Standards Board members to the first in-person annual meeting since 2019! Please **RSVP by Wednesday, March 29 via the Standards Board 2023 Annual Meeting RSVP and Traveler Info survey: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7254493/Standards-Board-2023-Annual-Meeting**. A preview of the survey is attached to assist you in completing the information requested. Important information about the meeting and travel are outlined below.

Meeting Dates: The Board will meet for a full day on Tuesday, April 18 and a half day on Wednesday, April 19 (a copy of the draft agenda is attached). Additionally, we have arranged optional events for the afternoon of Monday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 19 for those members who can attend. Information on the optional events will be provided separately.

Meeting Location: Hyatt Regency Phoenix. The EAC has a reservation block at the meeting site. Please respond to the above linked survey by **Wednesday, March 29** to be included in the block. After this date, rooms may not be available. Room and tax will be billed directly to the EAC. A credit card for miscellaneous expenses is required upon check-in. Cancellation notification must be submitted by **COB Monday, April 3.**

Travel Arrangements: Once you RSVP 'Yes' via the survey, you will receive the instructions and forms to establish an Invitational Traveler account with our Federal travel agency, Concur Travel. You will not be able to book travel or receive reimbursement until your account is established.

Expenses Covered: The EAC covers travel expenses to/from the meeting for members traveling distances more than fifty (50) miles from the meeting location. Covered expenses include:

- Roundtrip airfare and first checked baggage fee upon departure and return. Flights are paid directly by the EAC.
- Hotel for April 17 and 18. Lodging for members with extended travel requirements are handled on an individual basis.
- Daily per diem to cover meals not provided by the EAC and incidental expenses (M&IE)
  - Travel day per diem: $51.75

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    - Non-travel day per diem: $69.00
- Ground transportation (i.e., metro, bus, taxi, Lyft, Uber), hotel/airport parking, and mileage incurred by privately-owned vehicle up to the constructed government contract carrier fare.

Car rental is at traveler's own expense.

If you have any questions about the survey or arranging your travel, please let me know. The EAC thanks you for your service and participation on the Standards Board. We are looking forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

Best,
Kim

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission
Standards Board 2023 Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Tuesday, April 18 & Wednesday, April 19

Monday, April 17

Noon – 1:00pm **Registration**

1:00 – 4:00pm **Optional Event**

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 - 9:00am **Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:00am **Registration**

9:00 - 9:30am **Call to Order**
Amanda Grandjean, Chair, EAC Standards Board

Welcome
Commissioner Thomas Hicks, Designated Federal Officer, EAC Standards Board

Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Thomas Hicks, EAC Standards Board DFO

[Proxy Committee Report]

Roll Call; Determination of Quorum
Derrin Robinson, Secretary, EAC Standards Board

Oath of Office
Commissioner Thomas Hicks, EAC Standards Board DFO

Welcome Remarks from the Commissioners
Chair Christy McCormick, EAC
Vice Chair Benjamin Hovland, EAC
Commissioner Donald Palmer, EAC
Commissioner Thomas Hicks, EAC, DFO

9:45 - 10:10am **Introductory Business**
Agenda/Materials Review
Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting
Overview of Committees
Executive Board Election Instructions

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10:10 - 10:20am	**FACA Responsibilities and Role of the Board under HAVA** Amanda Joiner, Acting General Counsel, EAC
10:20 – 10:45am	**EAC Update** Steven Frid, Executive Director, EAC
10:45 – 11:00am	**Break**
11:00 – 12:15pm	**VVSG & ESTEP Review with Q&A Session** Jon Panek, Director of Testing & Certification, EAC Jay Phelps, Director of Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, EAC
12:15 – 1:45pm	**Lunch**
1:45 – 2:45pm	**EAC Clearinghouse Network Project** Steve Daitch, Senior Election Subject Matter Expert, EAC
2:45 – 3:30pm	**EAC Voter Education Program Research** Steve Daitch, Senior Election Subject Matter Expert, EAC
3:30 – 3:45pm	**Break** ***Voting Ends 4:00pm***
3:45 – 4:45pm	**Conversation on Election Official Security and Mental Health** Commissioner Thomas Hicks, EAC Standards Board DFO
4:45 – 5:00pm	**Election Results and Announcements** [Election Certification Committee]

Recess until Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:30pm **Executive Board Meeting**

<u>Wednesday, April 19</u>

7:30 – 8:30am	**Breakfast**
8:30 – 8:45am	**Introduction of New Executive Board & Officers**
8:45 – 9:30am	**Committee Breakouts**
9:30 – 10:00am	**Committee Reports**

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10:00 – 11:00am	**Panel/Presentation**
11:00 – Noon	**TGDC Representative Vote and Closing Discussion/Announcements**
Noon – 1:30pm	**Lunch on Own**
1:30-4:30pm	**Optional Event**

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Standards Board 2023 Annual Meeting

RSVP

1) Full Name*

2) Email Address*

3) Select your jurisdiction*

- Alabama
- Alaska
- American Samoa
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida

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- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York

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- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

4) Do you plan to attend the Standards Board Annual Meeting <u>in-person</u>?*

The meeting is Tuesday, April 18 (full day) and Wednesday, April 19 (half day) at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix (122 N. 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ).

- Yes
- No

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Additional Information

If not attending:

5) Do you wish to designate a proxy for the meeting?

Please note:

- Per the Standards Board bylaws, proxies can vote on business matters and not in the Executive Board election.
- Only other Standards Board Members can serve as your proxy.

- Yes
- No

6) Who do you wish to designate as your proxy?*

Only another Standards Board Member can serve as your proxy.
Please ensure the proxy designee is aware you have designated them as your proxy.

If attending:

7) Will you need to fly to the meeting?*

- Yes
- No

8) If flying - Enter your name as it appears on your government ID (for airline ticket)*

9) If flying - What is your Date of Birth? (for airline ticket)*

Response must be in mm/dd/yyyy format.

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10) What is your mailing address?*

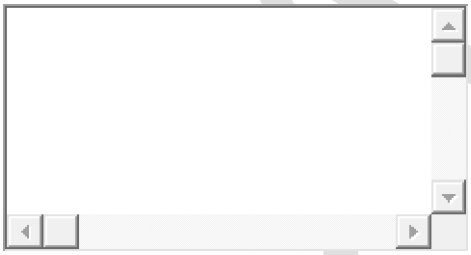
11) What is a phone number we can reach you at while you travel?*

Use numbers only (ex. 1235551111)

12) If flying - Which airport will you be departing from?*

13) How many miles (roundtrip) is it from your residence to the airport (if you are flying) or meeting location (if you are driving)?*

14) If flying - Do you have any Frequent Flyer Account #s you'd like us to include in your account?



15) If flying - Please indicate your seat preference (if any).

We will do our best to accommodate your preference.

- ○ Window
- ○ Middle
- ○ Aisle

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16) What date do you plan to travel to Phoenix?*

Response must be in mm/dd/yyyy format.

17) What date will you return home?*

Response must be in mm/dd/yyyy format.

18) If flying - Please indicate preferred flight departure times. (ex. between 8am-noon local time)

19) Please provide any accommodations needed, dietary restrictions, or other special requests for meals, lodging, etc.

Thank You!

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Hello Standards Board Members,

On behalf of DFO Commissioner Thomas Hicks, please find attached the 2023 Executive Board Nominations Ballot Package, which includes a letter explaining the election process, HAVA Section 213, Biographical Information of Nominees, and the Bylaws as well as minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Commissioner Hicks or myself at your convenience.

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, hereinafter referred to as Standards Board, embodies the vision of Congress to forge a partnership among federal, state and local election officials whose goal is to promote public confidence in the conduct of federal elections in the United States.

Article I. Authority

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) [Public Law 107-252], as such statutes may be amended from time to time, the Standards Board has been granted its authority through its charter with the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) (as filed with Congress on April 13, 2005 and to be renewed every two (2) years). The Standards Board, Executive Board and the committees of the Standards Board will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA); and all other applicable Federal laws. [1]

Article II. Objectives

The Standards Board will:

1. Advice EAC through review of the voluntary voting system guidelines described in Title II Part 3 of HAVA; through review of the voluntary guidance described under Title III of HAVA; and through the review of the best practices recommendations described in Section 241of Title II of HAVA, as required by HAVA or as may be developed by EAC.

2. Provide guidance and advice to EAC on a variety of topics related to the administration of elections for Federal office.

3. Make recommendations to EAC. Neither the Executive Board nor any subcommittees of the Standards Board may make recommendations to EAC without the consideration and approval of the Standards Board.[2]

4. Function solely as an advisory body.

Article III. Standards Board Membership

Pursuant to Section 213(a) of HAVA, the Standards Board shall consist of 110 members, as follows:

1. Fifty-five (55) shall be state election officials selected by the chief State election official of each State.

[1] Article I was amended April 15, 2016 at the Carlsbad, CA Standards Board meeting

[2] Article II, Section 3 was amended on February 21, 2007 at the Atlanta, GA Standards Board meeting.

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2. Fifty-five (55) shall be local election officials selected as follows:
    a. Each state's local election officials, including the local election officials of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, shall select a representative local election official from the state in a process supervised by the chief election official of the state.
    b. In the case of the District of Columbia, Guam, and American Samoa, the chief election official shall establish a procedure for selecting an individual to serve as a local election official. The individual selected under such a procedure may not be a member of the same political party as the chief election official.

3. The two (2) Standards Board members who represent the same state may not be members of the same political party.

Article IV. Standards Board Member Vacancies

1. The chief election official of each state shall notify EAC and the Executive Board of the Standards Board within five (5) business days of any vacancy or membership changes to the Standards Board.

2. Vacancy appointments to the Standards Board shall be made in accordance with Section 213(a) of HAVA, as follows:
    a. Fifty-five (55) shall be state election officials selected by the chief State election official of each State.
    b. Fifty-five (55) shall be local election officials selected as follows:
        i. Each state's local election officials, including the local election officials of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, shall select a representative local election official from the state in a process supervised by the chief election official of the state.
        ii. In the case of the District of Columbia, Guam, and American Samoa, the chief election official shall establish a procedure for selecting an individual to serve as a local election official. The individual selected under such a procedure may not be a member of the same political party as the chief election official.
    c. The two (2) Standards Board members who represent the same state may not be members of the same political party.

3. In December of each year, EAC shall notify the appointing authority of each state or territory as to who represents their state or territory on the Standards Board.

Article V. Executive Board of the Standards Board

Pursuant to Section 213(c) of HAVA, the Standards Board shall select nine (9) of its members to serve as the Executive Board of the Standards Board as follows:

1. Membership.
    a. Not more than five (5) members of the Executive Board may be state election officials.
    b. Not more than five (5) members of the Executive Board may be local election officials.
    c. Not more than five (5) members of the Executive Board may be of the same political

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party.[3]

d. All members who are unaffiliated with a political party shall be counted as the same political party for the purpose of calculating the party affiliation balance of the Executive Board pursuant to HAVA Section 213(c)[4]

e. An Executive Board member shall immediately notify the Executive Board and the DFO of any change made in the member's party affiliation while serving as a member of the Executive Board. If such change in the member's party affiliation results in more than five (5) members of the Executive Board being of the same political party, a vacancy shall be present in the seat of the member who changed party affiliation.[5]

2. Nominations.[6]

a. Expired Terms.

i. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations for the Executive Board from Standards Board members. The Nominating Committee shall send to Standards Board members a solicitation no later than December 1st immediately prior to the expiration of any Executive Board member's term. The solicitations shall designate the address and form for submitting nominations.

ii. Standards Board members may nominate themselves or other Standards Board members by responding to the solicitation.

iii. Nominations shall be submitted to the Standards Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (or the DFO's designee) in writing and may be submitted electronically no later than January 15th immediately prior to the expiration of any Executive Board member's term. In the event that January 15th is a federal holiday, nominations are due no later than January 16th.

iv. Upon receipt of nominations, the Nominating Committee shall prepare ballot information to be distributed to the Standards Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Standards Board meeting immediately following the submission deadline.[7]

v. Nominations for membership on the Executive Board shall not be accepted from the floor of a Standards Board meeting.

vi. If the Nominating Committee does not receive a sufficient number of nominees for the positions to be filled, taking into account the regional, party, and state/local requirements of each open position, the Nominating Committee shall meet and submit a list of nominees at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Standards Board meeting immediately following the submission deadline.

b. Vacancies Before the End of a Term. [8]

i. This subsection applies if a vacancy on the Executive Board occurs more than ninety (90) days before the expiration of a member's term on the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee shall send to Standards Board members a solicitation no later than sixty (60) days before the next meeting of the Standards Board. The solicitations shall designate the address and form for submitting nominations.

ii. Standards Board members may nominate themselves or other Standards Board members by responding to the solicitation.

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[3] Article V, Section 1(c) was amended on February 21, 2007 at the Atlanta, GA Standards Board meeting.
[4] Article V, Section 1(d) was amended on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.
[5] Article V, Section 1(e) was added on February 26, 2009, at the Orlando, FL Standards Board meeting.
[6] Article V, Section 2 was amended on July 27, 2010 at the Standards Board Virtual meeting.
[7] Article V, Section 2(a)(iv) was amended on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.
[8] Article V, Section 2 was amended on April 15, 2016 at the Carlsbad, CA Standards Board meeting.

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iii. Nominations shall be submitted to the Standards Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (or designee) in writing and may be submitted electronically no later than the date indicated on the solicitation.

iv. Upon receipt of nominations, the Nominating Committee shall prepare ballot information to be distributed to the Standards Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Standards Board meeting immediately following the submission deadline.

v. Nominations for membership on the Executive Board shall not be accepted from the floor of a Standards Board meeting.[9]

c. Elections.[10][11]

i. Except as provided in this subdivision, elections to the Executive Board shall be by secret ballot. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats to be elected, and a secret ballot is not necessary to determine the length of the term in which a member is to be elected, the Standards Board may instead elect the candidates by acclamation. Except as provided in this subdivision, elections to the Executive Board shall take place at a meeting of the Standards Board. No later than twenty (20) days before the date of a Standards Board meeting immediately following the nominations submission deadline under subsection (a), the Executive Board may authorize an election to the Executive Board to be conducted by mail-in ballot if the Executive Board determines that the only principal items of business to be voted upon by the Standards Board are the election of members of the Executive Board and matters such as the approval of the minutes of previous Standards Board meetings. If the Executive Board authorizes an election to be conducted by mail-in ballot, the election shall be conducted as follows:

a. The Nominating Committee shall create forms and envelopes for a mail-in ballot election.

b. Mail-in ballots shall be received by the DFO (or designee) at the address indicated on the ballot envelope no later than eight (8) days prior to the start date of the Standards Board meeting immediately following the nominations submission deadline.

c. The DFO (or designee) shall review all ballot envelopes received by the deadline to ensure that they include all identifying information requested on the form(s). Where identifying information is missing, the DFO (or designee) shall contact Standards Board members to complete the identifying information on the envelope.

d. The DFO (or designee) shall give all sealed official envelopes containing mail-in ballots received by the deadline indicated in these bylaws to the appointed Election Certification Committee chair or the chair's designee at the Standards Board meeting immediately following the nominations submission deadline.

e. The appointed Election Certification Committee shall record the receipt of each mail-in ballot.

ii. The ballot shall be designed to enable Standards Board members to select

[9] Article V, Section 2(b)(v) was adopted on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.
[10] Article V, Section 2(c) was amended on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.
[11] Article V, Section 2(c)(i) was amended on July 31, 2020 at the Standards Board Virtual meeting.

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candidates based on the following: (1) The Candidate's political party affiliation, (2) whether the candidate is a state or local election official, (3) which state or territory the candidate represents, (4) whether the candidate was elected or appointed, and (5) in the case of state election officials, what position the candidate holds. Concise biographical information for each candidate shall be provided to each Standards Board member in advance of the election.[12]

iii. All election results shall be tabulated and certified by the Election Certification Committee. Except as provided in this subdivision, all tabulation and certification processes shall take place in the presence of the members at a time and place designated by the Election Certification Committee. If an election is conducted by mail-in ballot, the tabulation and certification process shall take place at a time and location designated by the Executive Board at the time that the election by mail-in ballot is authorized. Notice concerning the time and location of the tabulation and certification process must be included with the mail-in ballot sent to each Standards Board member. Any member may be present for the tabulation and certification process conducted as part of an election by mail-in ballot.

iv. In the case of the election of a candidate(s) which causes an unbalanced ratio of political party representation, the person(s) in the party with the smaller political party representation receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected until the political party representation ratio is restored.

v. In the case of the selection of a candidate(s) which causes an unbalanced ratio of state and local governmental unit representation, the person(s) in the governmental unit with a smaller representation unit with the smallest representation receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected until the governmental unit representation ration is restored.

vi. In the case of a tie vote between the candidates at an election, the Election Certification Committee shall automatically recount the votes cast for the tied candidates. If following the recount a tie remains, the Election Certification Committee shall resolve the tie by the toss of a coin.

vii. For the first election conducted after April 29, 2015 (not including any special elections to fill unexpired terms), two (2) of the three (3) positions shall be for local election officials. For the second election conducted after April 29, 2015, two (2) of the (3) three positions shall be for state election officials. The number of positions for state and local election officials on the Executive Board shall continue to alternate in subsequent elections.

viii. Within thirty (30) days of an Executive Board election, the Executive Board members shall convene to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. If the Executive Board is unable to meet for elections before the end of the term of the officers, the sitting officers shall remain in their elected capacity until the Executive Board is able to meet again and elect new officers.

ix. If the Standards Board is unable to meet for elections before the end of an Executive Board member's term, the sitting members of the Executive Board shall remain in their elected capacity until the Standards Board is able to meet again and a new member is elected.

x. This subdivision does not apply to an election which the Executive Board authorizes to be conducted by mail-in ballot. Votes for Executive Board elections may be made by absentee ballot provided the following:

[12] Article V, Section 2(c)(ii) was amended on February 21, 2007 at the Atlanta, GA Standards Board meeting.

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a. The Nominating Committee shall create forms and envelopes for absentee voting.
b. Absentee ballots shall be received by the DFO or designee at the address indicated on the absentee ballot envelope no later than eight (8) days prior to the start date of the Standards Board meeting immediately following the nominations submission deadline.
c. The DFO or designee shall review all absentee ballot envelopes received by the deadline to ensure that they include all identifying information requested on the form(s). Where identifying information is missing, the DFO or designee shall contact Standards Board members to complete the identifying information on the envelope.
d. The DFO or designee shall give all absentee sealed official envelopes containing absentee ballots received by the deadline indicated in these bylaws to the appointed Election Certification Committee chair or the chair's designee at the Standards Board meeting immediately following the nominations submission deadline.
e. The appointed Election Certification Committee shall record and tabulate each absentee ballot and include absentee ballots in election results.

d. Executive Board Members Terms of Service and Vacancies.[13]
   i. Generally.
      a. The Chair of the Executive Board shall notify EAC and the Nominating Committee Chair within five (5) business days of any vacancy on the Executive Board.
      b. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, shall serve for a term of not more than one (1) year. An Executive Board member shall not serve for two (2) consecutive terms for the same office, except in the case of a member serving the unexpired term of an office, in which case the member may be elected to the same office for the succeeding term.
      c. An Executive Board member may be removed from the Executive Board, for cause, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Standards Board members at a Standards Board meeting.
      d. This subsection applies if a vacancy on the Executive Board is not subject to subsection b.1. The remaining members of the Executive Board may appoint an interim member of the Executive Board until the next Standards Board meeting at which an election of Standards Board members is conducted, or until a member is elected in a special election conducted under subsection b., whichever occurs first. The appointment of an interim member must result in the composition of the Executive Board remaining in compliance with the requirements of HAVA and these Bylaws.
   ii. Initial Term.
      Pursuant to Section 213(c)(3) of HAVA, of the members first selected to serve on the Executive Board of the Standards Board:
      a. Three (3) shall serve for one (1) term.
      b. Three (3) shall serve for two (2) consecutive terms.
      c. Three (3) shall serve for three (3) consecutive terms.
   iii. Subsequent Terms.
      a. Pursuant to Section 213(c)(2) of HAVA, members of the Executive Board

[13] Article V, Section 2(d)(i)(d) was amended on July 31, 2020 at the Standards Board Virtual meeting.

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shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may not serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

b. Members of the Standards Board who have previously served on the Executive Board shall be eligible to be nominated to the Executive Board no sooner than two (2) years from the last term in which they served on the Executive Board.

e. Meetings.

i. Any two (2) members of the Executive Board may call an Executive Board meeting by filing the original call of the meeting with and obtaining approval from the DFO, including the stated reason for calling the meeting, and the date and time of the meeting. Such meetings include, but are not limited to meetings by conference call and virtual (electronic media) meetings. These meetings must allow each Executive Board member to include their comments and hear or view others' comments.

ii. A majority of Executive Board Members shall be present for a quorum.

iii. The Executive Board shall agree to actions by a majority roll call vote of seated members of the Executive Board.

iv. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in Executive Board votes.

v. Any member of the Standards Board may attend and at the discretion of the Chair, may participate in any and all discussion at an Executive Board meeting, but may not vote.

Article VI. Executive Board Duties[14][15]

1. Chair. The Chair shall:
   a. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and Standards Board.
   b. Appoint the chair of standing committees and any ad hoc committees of the Standards Board.
   c. Establish the agenda for meetings of the Executive Board and Standards Board in consultation with the DFO.
   d. Call meetings of the Executive Board and Standards Board in consultation with the DFO.
   e. Act as the official liaison between the Standards Board and EAC for all resolutions, recommendations, and information requests.
   f. Serve as an *ex officio* member of all committees.
   g. Appoint a Parliamentarian to advise and assist the Chair in running all meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall:
   a. Preside over meetings of the Executive Board and Standards Board in the Chair's absence.
   b. Perform other duties as may be appropriate in the Chair's absence.
   c. Assist the Chair, from time to time, as the Chair may designate.
   d. In the event of a vacancy before the completion of the Chair's term, become the Chair for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. Secretary. The Secretary shall:
   a. Review Board minutes before distribution to Standards Board members.

[14] Article VI, Section I was amended on April 15, 2016 at the Carlsbad, CA Standards Board Meeting.
[15] Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 were amended and Sections 4 and 5 were added at the July 31, 2020 Standards Board Virtual Meeting.

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b. Ensure, with assistance from the DFO, that meeting minutes are properly on file at EAC.
c. Assist the Chair at meetings and, from time to time, as the Chair may designate.
d. In the event of a vacancy in both the office of Chair and in the office of Vice-Chair, become the Chair for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. Vacancies Among Officers. The following provisions do not apply to the filling of a vacancy addressed in subsection 2 or 3 of this Article.
   a. Except as provided in subsection 2 or 3 of this Article, the Chair may appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair or Secretary for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office.
   b. If there are no Executive Board members serving as officers, the three individuals with the longest tenure as Executive Board members become officers for the remainder of the unexpired terms of the offices. The individual with the longest tenure on the Executive Board becomes the Chair. The individual with the second longest tenure becomes the Vice Chair. The individual with the third longest tenure becomes the Secretary. If more than one of these individuals has the same length of tenure, then the individual who is the representative of the state whose name is first alphabetically takes precedence.

5. Terms. The term of an elected officer begins on April 28 of each year.

6. Executive Board, Generally. The Executive Board shall:
   a. Perform all duties required under HAVA and other applicable Federal laws.
   b. Appoint the membership of appropriate standing committees and ad hoc committees by soliciting interest from the Standards Board membership.
   c. Meet as necessary to address issues of concern in between Standards Board meetings.
   d. Convene Standards Board meetings, including, but not limited to, meetings by conference call and virtual (electronic media) meetings. Such meetings must allow each Standards Board member to include their comments and view or hear others' comments. Such meetings shall be held in accordance with all applicable federal laws.
   e. Consult with the DFO to ensure compliance with federal statutes and other applicable regulations.
   f. Attend Executive Board meetings, including, but not limited to, meetings by conference call and virtual meetings, in accordance with these bylaws.
   g. As soon as possible and in consultation with the DFO, provide Standards Board Members all proposed guidelines to be adopted pursuant to Section 222(b)(3) of HAVA. Executive Board recommendations to the Standards Board pursuant to Section 222(b)(3) of HAVA shall include an appendix of all dissenting comments from Executive Board members.
   h. Perform all other duties as from time to time the Standards Board may delegate to the Executive Board.
   i. Immediately upon notice of an Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall notify the Standards Board of the Executive Board meeting.

7. Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO shall:
   a. Serve as the government's agent for all Standards Board activities.
   b. Approve or call Standards Board meetings.
   c. Approve agendas proposed by the Executive Committee.
   d. Attend all Standards Board and Executive Board meetings.
   e. Adjourn Standards Board and Executive Board meetings when such adjournment is in the public interest.
   f. Provide adequate staff support to the Standards Board, to assist with:

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i. Notice. The DFO shall:
   a. Notify members of the time and place for each meeting of the Standards Board and the Executive Board.
   b. Notify the public of time and place for the meeting of the Standards Board.
   c. Notify appointing authorities of any and all vacancies on the Standards Board.
   d. Perform other duties as required in these Bylaws.

ii. Recordkeeping and Administration. The DFO shall:
   a. Maintain records for all meetings, including subgroup or working group activities, as required by law.
   b. Maintain the roll.
   c. Assure that minutes of all Standards Board meetings are prepared and distributed.
   d. Maintain and house at EAC all official Standards Board records, including subgroup and working group activities.
   e. File all papers and submissions prepared for or by the Standards Board, including those items generated by subgroups and working groups.
   f. Respond to official correspondence.
   g. Prepare and handle all reports, including the annual report as required by FACA.
   h. Act as the Standard Board's agent to collect, validates, and pay all vouchers for pre- approved expenditures.

Article VII. Meetings

1. Consistent with the requirements of HAVA 215(a)(2), the Standards Board shall meet on an annual basis or otherwise as requested by EAC to address its responsibilities under HAVA and attend to other issues presented by EAC. Such meetings include, but are not limited to, meetings by conference call and virtual (electronic media) meetings. These meetings must allow each Standards Board member to include their comments and view or hear others' comments. Such meetings shall be held in accordance with all applicable Federal laws.

2. Meetings shall be called by the DFO in consultation with the Executive Board.

3. The DFO shall approve the agenda for all meetings. EAC shall distribute the agenda to Standards Board members prior to each meeting and shall publish notice of the meeting in the Federal Register as required by FACA.

4. Standards Board members and members of the public may submit agenda items to the DFO or Executive Board Chair.

5. Meetings.
   a. Open Meetings.
      i. Unless otherwise determined in advance, all Standards Board meetings shall be open to the public.
      ii. Members of the public may attend any meeting or portion of a meeting that is not closed to the public and may, at the determination of the Chair, offer oral comment at such meeting. The Chair may decide in advance to exclude oral public comment during a meeting, in which case the meeting announcement published in the Federal Register will note that oral comment from the public is excluded. In such a case, the Standards Board will accept written comments as an alternative. In addition, members of the public may submit written statements to EAC at any

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time.

iii. All materials brought before, or presented to, the Board during the conduct of an open meeting, including, but not limited to, the minutes of the proceedings of the previous open meeting, will be available to the public for review or copying at the time of the scheduled meeting.

iv. Minutes of open meetings shall be available to the public upon request.

v. Once an open meeting has begun, it will not be closed to the public unless prior approval of the closure has been obtained and proper notice of the closed meeting has been given to the public.

vi. If, during the course of an open meeting, matters inappropriate for public disclosure arise during discussion, the Chair will order such discussion to cease and will schedule it for closed meeting.

b. Closed Sessions.

i. Notices regarding portions of meetings to be closed (to be referred to as sessions hereinafter) will be published in the Federal Register at least fifteen (15) calendar days in advance.

ii. Standards Board sessions will be closed to the public only in limited circumstances and in accordance with applicable law. The Standards Board must obtain prior approval to conduct a closed session. Requests for closed sessions must be submitted by the DFO to EAC's Office of General Counsel a minimum of forty-five (45) days in advance of the proposed closed session.

iii. Where the DFO, in conjunction with the Office of General Counsel, has determined in advance that discussions during a Standards Board meeting will involve matters about which public disclosure would be harmful to the interests of the government, industry, or others, an advance notice of a closed session, citing the applicable exemptions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (GISA), shall be published in the Federal Register. The notice may announce the closing of all or just part of a meeting.

iv. Minutes of closed sessions are not available to the public, and as a result, not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

6. Minutes.

a. The DFO, or his or her designee, shall assure that detailed minutes of each meeting are prepared and distributed to Standards Board members.

b. Meeting minutes shall include the following: (1) Time, (2) date, (3) location, (4) record of persons present, including the names of Standards Board members, EAC Commissioners and staff, and the names of members of the public making written or oral presentations, (5) a complete and accurate description of the matters discussed and conclusions reached, and (6) copies of all reports received, issued, or approved by the Standards Board.

c. Meeting minutes are considered part of the official government record.

d. All documents, reports, or other materials prepared by or for the Standards Board constitute official government records and shall be housed at EAC and maintained according to the Federal Records Act.

Article VIII. Quorum and Proxy Voting

1. Quorum.

a. A quorum shall be established when 56 Standards Board members are present for a meeting as determined by a roll call or quorum call of the Standards Board members.

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2. Proxy Votes.[16]
    a. Proxy designations may be submitted in writing to the Chair up to the day of the Standards Board meeting by the designated meeting start time established via the meeting agenda. A proxy designation may be submitted by electronic transmission. An original signature is not required if a proxy designation is submitted by electronic transmission.
    b. Proxy votes may only be cast by Standards Board members, provided proxy designations have been timely filed in advance with the Chair clearly identifying the Standards Board member selected to cast an absent member's proxy vote.
    c. The Chair shall appoint a proxy committee to verify the eligibility of a member(s) designating a proxy vote and of the member(s) designated to cast a proxy vote(s) on behalf of absent Standard's Board members.
    d. Proxy voting shall be allowed for all business matters, other than Executive Board elections.
    e. Proxy voting shall not be allowed for Executive Board elections.

3. Voting Generally.
    a. The Standards Board shall agree to actions by majority vote of those present and voting unless otherwise specified by these bylaws.
    b. Votes by the Standard Board on recommendations to EAC shall have the ayes, nays, and abstentions recorded.
    c. Votes taken during meetings conducted by conference call and through virtual (electronic media) means shall have a quorum established prior to voting.

Article IX. Committees

In appointing members to committees, the Standards Board shall pay particular attention to ensuring diverse membership. Accordingly, the Executive Board shall do due diligence to ensure that committee members (1) affiliate with diverse parties, (2) are representative of both state and local election officials, (3) represent different states and territories, and (4) are representative of both elected and appointed officials.

1. Meetings.
    a. All committees may meet informally at any time for the purpose of conducting their business, including telephonically or through electronic media.

2. Standing Committees.
    a. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall:[17]
        i. Be comprised of five (5) members.
        ii. Solicit nominations for the Executive Board from Standards Board members.
        iii. Prepare and distribute to Standards Board members ballots that include all the information listed in Article V, section 1, subsection c, paragraph ii of these Bylaws.
        iv. Create and disseminate absentee balloting materials.
        v. Submit nominees for all positions for which the Nominating Committee has received insufficient nominations.
    b. Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall:
        i. Be comprised of seven (7) members.

[16] Article VIII, Section 2 was amended on July 27, 2010 at the Standards Board Virtual Meeting.
[17] Article IX, Section 2(a) was amended on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.

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ii. Submit a report with all recommended bylaws amendments to the Executive Board for a seven (7) day comment period before submitting recommendations to the Standards Board for resolution and adoption.

3. Ad-Hoc Committees.
   a. A Standards Board member wishing to establish an ad-hoc committee must present to the Standards Board the reason(s) he/she is requesting the committee.
   b. The Standards Board may, at any time, by majority vote, establish an ad-hoc committee.

4. Once an ad-hoc committee has been established, the Executive Board shall appoint members to the ad-hoc committee.

5. Special Committees. [18]
   a. As necessary, the Chair of the Standards Board Executive Board shall appoint Standards Board members to special committees for limited purposes.
      i. The Chair of the Standards Board Executive Board shall state the special committee's limited purpose, scope, and duration at its inception.
   b. The Chair of the Standards Board Executive Board shall appoint five (5) Standards Board members to a special Election Certification Committee on the first day of a Standards Board meeting at which an Executive Board election is scheduled to take place. The special Election Certification Committee shall tabulate and certify all Executive Board election results.
   c. The Chair of the Standards Board Executive Board shall appoint five (5) Standards Board members to a Resolutions Committee on the first day of a Standards Board meeting if it appears likely that the Standards Board will present and/or adopt resolutions.
   d. The Chair of the Standards Board Executive Board shall appoint five (5) Standards Board members to a Proxy Committee on the first day of a Standards Board meeting at which voting on general business matters is scheduled to take place. The Proxy Committee shall review and certify all proxy votes.

Article X. Amendments

1. The Standards Board's Bylaws Committee shall promulgate a form for proposing an amendment to the Standards Board's Bylaws.
   a. The form shall require the specific language of the proposed amendment to be included, identify the author of the amendment, and be designed to elicit the rationale and impact of the proposed amendment.

2. All proposed bylaw changes must be submitted in writing to the DFO at least seventy (70) days before the date of the Standards Board Meeting at which the changes are to be considered for adoption. The DFO shall issue an immediate notification to all Standards Board members concerning any proposed change to the bylaws. [19]

3. After receiving proposed bylaw changes, the DFO shall forward the proposed changes to the Standards Board Bylaws Committee and EAC's General Counsel.
   a. The General Counsel shall report in an expeditious manner to the Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board whether or not a proposed change to the Bylaws is consistent with

[18] Article IX, Section 4 was adopted on December 13, 2007 at the Austin, TX Standards Board meeting.
[19] Article X, Section 2 was amended on July 27, 2010 at the Standards Board Virtual Meeting.

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federal law and/or rules.

b. The Bylaws Committee shall transmit a report containing the proposed bylaw changes to the Executive Board.
c. The Standards Board's Executive Board shall place the report on the proposed change to the Standards Board's Bylaws on the agenda for the next meeting of the Standards Board.

4. The Executive Board shall forward all proposed changes to Standards Board members at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting of the Standards Board via email and U.S. Mail to the applicable address of record on file with EAC. The Executive Board shall request that EAC post the proposed change to the bylaws and all supporting material on EAC's website at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting of the Standards Board.

5. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any Standards Board meeting.

Article XI. Expenses and Reimbursement

1. Expenses related to Standards Board operations will be borne by EAC.

2. Expenditures of any kind must be approved in advance by the DFO.

3. Standards Board members shall not receive any compensation for their services, but shall be paid travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of federal agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in performance of their services for the Standards Board.

Article XII. Parliamentary Authority

1. The rules contained in the current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*** shall govern the Standards Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Standards Board may adopt.

2. Voting procedures for the Standards Board, the Executive Board, and the subcommittees shall follow the accepted procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article XIII. Effective Date

1. These By-Laws are effective upon adoption by the Standards Board.

Article XIV. Transition Procedures and Ratification

1. The adoption of the bylaws has no effect on the selection, terms or appointment of the officers or members of the Standards Board, the Executive Board, or a committee of the Board serving on the effective date of these bylaws.

2. All acts of the Standards Board, the Executive Board, or a committee of the Board are hereby ratified, except to the extent that an act does not conform with a resolution adopted by the Standards Board before the effective date of these Bylaws.

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These Bylaws were amended at the July 31, 2020 Standards Board meeting.

/S/_____ _____
Reynaldo Valenzuela Jr., Chair Date

/S/_____ _____
Benjamin Hovland, DFO Date

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Meeting Minutes
United States Election Assistance Commission
STANDARDS BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2022
VIA ZOOM

The following are the Minutes of the United States Election Assistance Commission ("EAC") Standards Board held April 14, 2022. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. EDT Via Zoom and adjourned at 3:37 p.m. EDT.

Welcoming Remarks

Amanda Grandjean, Chair of the EAC Standards Board welcomes all. She thanks the former Chair, Chris Piper, the EAC commissioners and EAC staff.

Chairman of the EAC, Commissioner Thomas Hicks, thanks Chairwoman Grandjean and all Standards Board members, noting that their participation and feedback is incredibly valuable to the EAC. He also highlights the importance of the work of state and local election officials, and adds that the EAC has new resources to support their work.

EAC Commissioner Donald Palmer, Designated Federal Officer for the EAC Standards Board, thanks all of the members for their hard work. He notes that it is the 20th anniversary of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and the EAC recently adopted VVSG 2.0 and a lifecycle policy. Commissioner Palmer adds that the EAC is prepared to implement the new security, auditability, and transparency standards in this version of the VVSG. Commissioner Palmer highlights speakers on the agenda and welcomes all questions and comments from Standards Board members during the meeting. He highlights the upcoming presentation from Chairwoman Grandjean, the update on the EAC e-pollbook pilot program, a panel addressing supply-chain challenges, and a discussion on the implementation of VVSG.

Chairwoman Grandjean introduces EAC Acting General Counsel Amanda Joiner for a presentation on Standards Board membership guidelines and policies. Ms. Joiner provides an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the permanent advisory boards established under HAVA. Ms. Joiner notes the duties and responsibilities of Standards Board members and notes restrictions on lobbying. Ms. Joiner concludes with a summary of advisory committee management guidelines and notes that members may ask questions at any time.

All Members of EAC Standards Board Sworn-In

Commissioner Donald Palmer leads the recitation of the Oath of Office.

Roll Call

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Derrin Robinson, Secretary of the Standards Board, calls roll. Secretary Robinson declares a quorum with 69 members present.

Introductory Business

Approval of Agenda

Chairwoman Grandjean has the agenda for the meeting displayed on the screen and calls for a vote to approve the agenda. Secretary of State John Merrill submits a motion to approve the agenda and Brad King seconds the motion. All are in favor and the agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2021 EAC Standards Board Meeting

Chairwoman Grandjean has the previous meeting minutes displayed on the screen and calls for a vote to approve the minutes. Anthony Albence submits a motion to approve the minutes and Secondra Meadows seconds the motion. All are in favor and the minutes are approved.

Appointment of Election Certification Committee

Pursuant to the Standards Board Bylaws, Chairwoman Grandjean appoints Dag Robinson, Anthony Albence, Brad King, Deborah Scroggin, and Batina Dodge to the Election Certification Committee.

Report of the Proxy Committee

On behalf of the Proxy Committee, Mandy Vigil confirms one verified proxy. Ms. Vigil explains that Andrew Buller proxies his ability to vote to Brian Kruse.

Standards Board Executive Board Election

Chairwoman Grandjean introduces the Standards Board Alternate Designated Federal Officer Kim Smith to explain the election process. Ms. Smith reminds the Standards Board members that they should have received an email containing election information and the biographies for all of the nominees. She notes that the Standards Board is filling two vacancies on the Executive Board and there are four candidates on the ballot. Ms. Smith explains the Executive Board membership requirements under HAVA. She notes that the members should have a link to vote and provides contact information for election support. Ms. Smith explains that the ballots will remain open for 30 minutes and after the votes are tallied the Election Certification Committee will declare the new Board members elected.

General EAC Update

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Chairwoman Grandjean introduces Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director of the EAC. Mr. Robbins thanks the Commissioners, EAC Staff, and Standards Board Members. Mr. Robbins notes that he is excited to be back at the EAC, but does not intend to apply to be Executive Director on a full-time basis. He adds that he is pleased with the improvement of EAC operations over the ten years since he last left the Commission in 2012. Mr. Robbins adds that the EAC advisory boards were not able to meet in 2012 due to a lack of DFOs, so he is happy to be at the meeting today.

Mr. Robbins also highlights that the EAC is better funded today than it was in 2012. He points out that in 2022 Fiscal Year Budget the EAC received a $3 million or 19 percent increase in its operational budget. Mr. Robbins also notes that the EAC will be able to more easily fund the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) through interagency agreements. Mr. Robbins notes that with the funding, the EAC intends to set priorities including: backfilling open positions that were in existence in 2021, continuing to build out the EAC Testing and Certification Program, improving the EAC website, and continuing to build out the EAC Clearinghouse.

Mr. Robbins turns to a discussion of two grant programs in the EAC Fiscal Year '23 budget proposal and highlights the increase in EAC grant funding since 2012. The proposal includes a competitive grant program, called innovation grants, and the budget proposal calls for $250 million. The budget proposal also includes a formula grant for states and localities through a $10 billion grant program to be expended over 10 years. Mr. Robbins notes that for the payment of grants, the EAC has not dealt with localities directly, but under these grants localities could apply if state law allows. He adds that these grant programs are still a work in progress.

Mr. Robbins highlights the work of the fully-staffed EAC Clearinghouse Division. He notes that the EAC is ready, willing, and able to accept recommendations from stakeholders on what to prioritize. He adds that updating the EAC website will make Clearinghouse resources more accessible.

E-Poll Book Program Update

Chairwoman Grandjean introduces Jon Panek, Director of Testing and Certification at the EAC, for an update and presentation on the status of the e-pollbook pilot program. Director Panek notes that over the last eight months, the EAC has been working on developing a pilot program for testing and certification of e-pollbook systems. He adds that the pilot will contour the existing Voting System Testing and Certification Program in order to leverage a well-understood process.

Director Panek explains that the pilot will develop the following key elements: requirements and responsibilities for manufacturer participants in the program, a way for manufacturers to register to formally participate, testing requirements and procedures, reporting and certification artifacts, as well as a quality monitoring program. He adds that EAC staff researched State e-pollbook testing programs and found that there is a little bit of a gap in accessibility and security requirements, so the EAC is drafting a document

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with requirements for these areas of accessibility and security for e-pollbook systems. The EAC has shared a draft of security requirements with NIST and is working on the draft for accessibility requirements.

Director Panek highlights that last November, the EAC held a roundtable discussion on considerations for this pilot. He adds that the next steps are to complete the draft requirements and to share with stakeholders for feedback.

VVSG 2.0 Implementation Discussion

Chairwoman Grandjean introduces Rob Rock to moderate the discussion on VVSG 2.0 implementation. Mr. Rock first introduces Director Panek for a brief overview of the EAC's status. Director Panek explains a brief background on what's necessary for testing to any new VVSG standard once it's been adopted. Director Panek explains that the EAC's Voting System Test Labs (VSTLs) must be accredited to test to the new standard, which is a two-part audit process. The next step in this process is for the VSTLs to apply for accreditation. Mr. Panek adds that once the labs are accredited, the timeline of submission to certification for voting systems could be eight months to over a year depending on how prepared the manufacturers are and the number of issues encountered during test campaigns that need to be resolved.

Mr. Rock introduces the panel, consisting of VSTLs and manufacturers. He poses the following two questions to the entire panel: what are your next steps regarding the implementation of VVSG 2.0 and what is the estimated timeline that a system could be realistically certified?

Ed Smith from Smartmatic thanks all for being included in the discussion. He notes that the questions have come up before, and notes that he is less optimistic about the timeline. Mr. Smith estimates that the timeline is likely a 12-month-plus process, as this is a new iteration of VVSG and some ambiguities may need to be addressed. He notes that the VSTLS need to be accredited as the next step and manufacturers need to have the rest of the EAC processes and clarifications of VVSG.

Traci Mapps from SLI Compliance notes that SLI compliance is wrapping up updates to internal processes and procedures in preparation for testing to the VVSG 2.0. She is hopeful that once accredited, VSTLs can test a voting system in eight months to a year. She agrees with Mr. Smith that there will likely be Requests for Interpretation (RFIs) but hopes that the test assertions will help to limit the number.

Michael Walker from Pro V&V notes that Pro V&V is also getting internal documentation in order. He adds that Pro V&V hopes to be accredited to 2.0 by the end of 2022. He notes that the timeline is difficult to predict because of RFIs but believes that it will become faster as 2.0 matures.

Mr. Rock opens for questions from the Standards Board members. There are none and he thanks the panelists.

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[Chairwoman Grandjean initiates a 5-minute break]

Subcommittee Reports

Chairwoman Grandjean notes that she is going to recognize the Standards Board Subcommittee Chairs for a brief update on all of the work that they've been doing over the past several months in their various subcommittee subject matters.

VVSG

Rob Rock, the Chair of the VVSG Subcommittee, notes that the VVSG Subcommittee is made up of six election officials, Mandy Vigil of New Mexico, Brian Wood from West Virginia, Janine Petty from Arizona, Ken Matta from Arizona, and Debbie Erickson from Minnesota. Mr. Rock notes that the subcommittee has met three times over the past several months and adopted a charter. He adds that the subcommittee's next task will be to review the EAC's draft of the requirements for the e-pollbook pilot. He calls on any other members that may wish to serve on the VVSG subcommittee.

Grants and Resources

Andy Dowd, Chair of the Grants and Resources Subcommittee, notes that the Subcommittee promotes the availability of grants and resources that are available to Standards Board members and hopes to highlight some of the success stories that people have had using available funds. Mr. Dowd highlights EAC grant funding since 2018 and hopes to get more information out on future funding.

Standards and Practices

Amanda Grandjean, Chair of the Standards and Practices Subcommittee, notes that the Subcommittee met and came up with the mission and goal of information-sharing. She adds that the Subcommittee has a survey coming out to the members and she encourages the members to take the time to fill it out. Chair Grandjean notes that election officials all have very little resources and very little time, so the Subcommittee wants to make information-sharing as efficient as possible and make the sharing of best practices and standards very easy and transparent across the States.

EAVS

Mandy Vigil, Chair of the EAVS Subcommittee, notes that the Subcommittee includes five individuals, three State members and two local members: Janine Petty, Nikki Charlson, Michelle Tassinari, and Rene Maas. Ms. Vigil notes that the goal of the Subcommittee is to be able to highlight either challenge areas or areas of success in all aspects of the EAVS report. She notes that this is meant to inform the EAC on how they

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can improve that process. Ms. Vigil also encourages members to consider joining the EAVS Subcommittee.

Election Security

Dwight Shellman, Chair of the Election Security Subcommittee, notes that the portfolio of the Subcommittee is generally to review and assess the material security protocols generally applicable to the conduct of elections in the United States, when appropriate, identify enhancements to existing protocols that State and local election officials should consider implementing in response to a very dynamic and constantly changing threat environment. He adds that the Subcommittee includes himself, Nikki Charlson, Kenny Barger, Patty Weeks, Rina Fontana Moore, and Derrin Robinson. Mr. Shellman explains that the Subcommittee has not yet met but is open to other members.

Panel Discussion - Mitigating Supply Chain Issues

Chairwoman Grandjean introduces Jamie Shew to moderate the next panel discussion on mitigating supply-chain issues. Mr. Shew introduces the panel: Ford Bowers, President and CEO at PRINTING United Alliance; Jim Suver, Vice President of Business Development at Runbeck Election Services; and Chris Wlaschin, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer for Election Systems and Software.

Mr. Shew asks Mr. Bowers to discuss the current situation and the factors that are causing supply-chain issues with paper. Mr. Bowers notes that paper supply is experiencing the supply-chain issues that have pretty much hit every sector in the economy and produced labor shortages, transportation snafus, and rising costs. He adds that the supply of paper in North America has been in decline for probably 20 or 30 years. This is because the mills that produce those papers and materials are closing and no new mills are coming online. Mr. Bowers notes that the demand has also shifted to paper supplies for online orders, such as boxes. He explains that the combination of these factors has led to a 40 percent increase in the cost.

Mr. Shew follows up and asks Mr. Bowers how long it will be until the situation resolves itself. Mr. Bowers estimates that it will not be resolved in the coming years and is probably going to be a long-term structural issue.

Mr. Shew asks Mr. Suver what mitigation efforts that election officials should be thinking about for this upcoming election cycle. Mr. Suver notes that election officials should continue to communicate this issue and this challenge. He stresses the importance of dialogue between jurisdictions and their respective ballot manufacturers, as well as communication to the envelope and mail houses, and the mail fulfillment centers.

Mr. Shew follows up and asks Mr. Suver if he anticipates changes on the administration and vendor side in the coming years. Mr. Suver responds that he does not anticipate many changes in the process.

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Mr. Shew asks Mr. Wlaschin what efforts vendors are making to reach out to their clients, and what are conversations election officials should be having with vendors. Mr. Wlaschin responds that medium-sized jurisdictions and small jurisdictions with local paper suppliers are often not aware of the issues. He recommends getting paper orders in early and establishing a relationship with a secondary or a backup print partner. Mr. Wlaschin concludes that communication is very important.

Voter Registration System Security

Chairwoman Grandjean announces that she will present on voter registration systems and their security and integrity. Chairwoman Grandjean notes that Ohio has a statewide voter registration database pursuant to HAVA, but the statewide voter registration database is merely a reflection of what is in the county's voter registration database as Ohio is decentralized.

Chairwoman Grandjean explains that Ohio's certification program is run by the Board of Voting Machine Examiners, which is a bipartisan board that is made up of four election officials, two from each political party. They recommend for certification voting systems and equipment, remote ballot marking devices, and electronic pollbooks. She explains that Ohio Senate Bill 14 allows for the certification of voter registration systems as well. That Bill allows Ohio's Board of Voting Machine Examiners to examine the voter registration systems themselves pursuant to the matrix. She notes that this is a public, transparent process. Chairwoman Grandjean explains the full process and encourages members to send questions via email.

Paul Lux asks about the timeline for systems being grandfathered in and decertification. Chairwoman Grandjean explains that there is flexibility to transition.

Results of Executive Board Election

Secretary Robinson, on behalf of the Election Certification Committee, certifies that the results are appropriate. He announces that Bryan Caskey of Kansas and Janine Petty of Arizona have been duly elected to the executive committee.

New Members of Executive Board Sworn-In

Commissioner Palmer swears in the Executive Board members and recites the oath of office.

Closing Remarks

Chairwoman Grandjean thanks all for their attendance and service as election officials.

Bob Giles announces that he will be retiring and will be replaced on the Standards Board.

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Mr. King thanks the EAC for putting the meeting together.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairwoman Grandjean solicits a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Rock makes a motion to adjourn and Keith Ingram seconds the motion. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned.

The Standards Board meeting of the United States Election Assistance Commission adjourned at 3:37 p.m. EDT on April 14, 2022.

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SEC. 213. MEMBERSHIP OF STANDARDS BOARD.

(a) COMPOSITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to certification by the chair of the Federal Election Commission under subsection (b), the Standards Board shall be composed of 110 members as follows:

(A) Fifty-five shall be State election officials selected by the chief State election official of each State.

(B) Fifty-five shall be local election officials selected in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) LIST OF LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS.—Each State's local election officials, including the local election officials of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, shall select (under a process supervised by the chief election official of the State) a representative local election official from the State for purposes of paragraph (1)(B). In the case of the District of Columbia, Guam, and American Samoa, the chief election official shall establish a procedure for selecting an individual to serve as a local election official for purposes of such paragraph, except that under such a procedure the individual selected may not be a member of the same political party as the chief election official.

(3) REQUIRING MIX OF POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED. — The two members of the Standards Board who represent the same State may not be members of the same political party.

(b) PROCEDURES FOR NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.—

(1) NOTICE TO CHAIR OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.— Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the chief State election official of the State shall transmit a notice to the chair of the Federal Election Commission containing—

(A) the name of the State election official who agrees to serve on the Standards Board under this title; and

(B) the name of the representative local election official from the State selected under subsection (a)(2) who agrees to serve on the Standards Board under this title.

(2) CERTIFICATION.—Upon receiving a notice from a State under paragraph (1), the chair of the Federal Election Commission shall publish a certification that the selected State election official and the representative local election official are appointed as members of the Standards Board under this title.

(3) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE.—If a State does not transmit a notice to the chair of the Federal Election Commission under paragraph (1) within the deadline described in such paragraph, no representative from the State may participate in the selection of the initial Executive Board under subsection (c).

(4) ROLE OF COMMISSION.—Upon the appointment of the members of the Election Assistance Commission, the Election Assistance Commission shall carry out the duties of the Federal Election Commission under this subsection.

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(c) EXECUTIVE BOARD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the last day on which the appointment of any of its members may be certified under subsection (b), the Standards Board shall select nine of its members to serve as the Executive Board of the Standards Board, of whom—

(A) not more than five may be State election officials;

(B) not more than five may be local election officials;

and

(C) not more than five may be members of the same political party.

(2) TERMS.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), members of the Executive Board of the Standards Board shall serve for a term of 2 years and may not serve for more than 3 consecutive terms.

(3) STAGGERING OF INITIAL TERMS.—Of the members first selected to serve on the Executive Board of the Standards Board—

(A) three shall serve for 1 term;

(B) three shall serve for 2 consecutive terms; and

(C) three shall serve for 3 consecutive terms,

as determined by lot at the time the members are first appointed.

(4) DUTIES.—In addition to any other duties assigned under this title, the Executive Board of the Standards Board may carry out such duties of the Standards Board as the Standards Board may delegate.

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
633 3rd St. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

April 3, 2023

Dear Standards Board Members,

The Standards Board Executive Board election will take place during the annual Standards Board meeting on April 18, 2023. On behalf of the Standards Board Designated Federal Officer Thomas Hicks please find nominating information and biographical statements for the eleven (11) candidates who have been nominated for the nine (9) seats on the Executive Board Committee.

Pursuant to HAVA section 213(c), the Executive Board may not have more than five (5) members of the same political party or more than five (5) members that are either state election officials or local election officials. In accordance with Standards Board Bylaws Article V Section 1(d), members who are unaffiliated with a political party shall be counted as the same political party.

The election will be by secret ballot in accordance with Standards Board Bylaws Article V Section 2(c)(i). Members present at the annual meeting will check in and confidentially cast a paper ballot for the Executive Board. You may vote for no more than nine (9) candidates. The nominees with the highest number of votes and in compliance with section 213(c) will be declared elected.

We are enclosing three documents to this letter to assist in the process: (1) a copy of HAVA section 213(c) which governs the selection of the Executive Board; (2) a copy of the Bylaws, and (3) the nominating information and biographical statements of the nominees.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Commissioner Hicks, Alternate Designated Federal Officer Kim Smith, or myself at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 3/23, NASED Letter to EAC on Deprecation Education, 3/23 House Admin Hearing on Observers, 3/23 HSGP Grant Overview Call for Elections, USPS Survey on 3/21, EAC Voter List Maintenance
Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:11 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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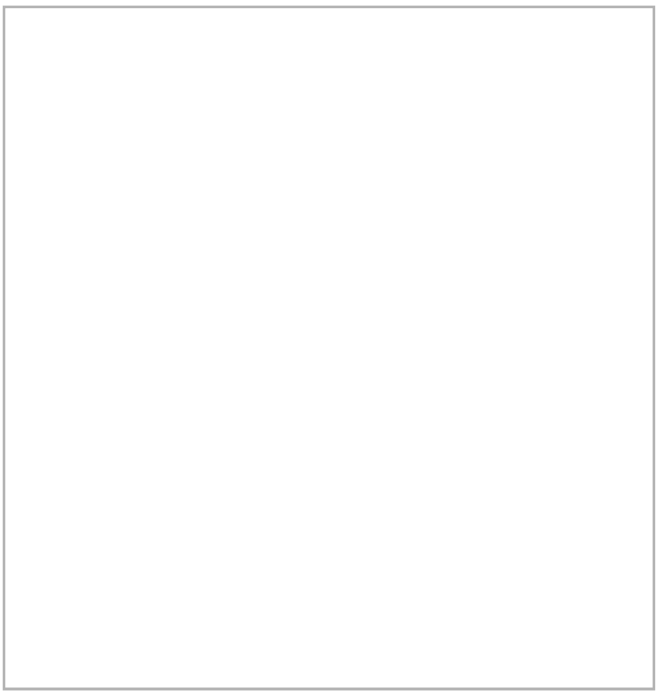

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

Thanks,
Leslie

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of STATE ELECTION DIRECTORS

March 17, 2023

Chairwoman Christy McCormick, Vice Chair Benjamin Hovland, Commissioner Donald Palmer, and Commissioner Thomas Hicks
US Election Assistance Commission
633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

SENT VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL

Chairwoman McCormick, Vice Chair Hovland, Commissioner Palmer, and Commissioner Hicks:

We write on behalf of the members of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), who, as you know, are in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five US territories.

Consistent with the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 1.0 Lifecycle Policy adopted April 5, 2022 and modified in October 2022,[1] the VVSG 1.0 will be deprecated one year after Election Assistance Commission (EAC) accreditation of the first Voting System Test Lab (VSTL), or November 15, 2023.[2] NASED members support and understand the need to encourage voting equipment manufacturers to build to the VVSG 2.0 and election offices to purchase that equipment, but we have serious concerns that false information will mischaracterize the consequences of the VVSG 1.0 deprecation. Given this, we believe it is imperative that the EAC immediately undertake a comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation. **The EAC and all their public communications must be unambiguous: voting systems certified to the VVSG 1.0 will remain federally certified after November 15, 2023, and jurisdictions can continue using and purchasing those systems consistent with state or territorial laws and regulations**.

History has proven that false information will spread regarding the seemingly bureaucratic components of the EAC's voting system testing and certification program. As you are aware, an administrative error from 2017 to 2019 left one of the VSTLs without an updated certificate of accreditation even though there was no change in the lab's accreditation

[1] US Election Assistance Commission, "Voting System Testing and Certification VVSG Lifecycle Policy." Adopted October 7, 2022.
[2] US Election Assistance Commission, "EAC Commissioners Accredit First Voting System Testing Lab to Test Voting Systems to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0." December 7, 2022.

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status.[3] That minor paperwork error has resulted in dozens of lawsuits against states across the country claiming that their voting systems are uncertified and casting doubt on election results.

Deprecation is a term with multiple meanings, and the EAC must be clear, vocal, and public about what it means in the context of the VVSG 1.0 Lifecycle Policy. We expect inaccurate claims about equipment certified to the deprecated standard as the 2024 presidential election cycle begins. We must approach this head-on as a community.

Election officials need the EAC to create and lead an assertive, proactive communications strategy on this important issue, including the creation of non-technical, concise materials that election officials can use to communicate with our relevant audiences. The creation of materials, however, is not enough. As the only agency required by federal law to support election officials, the EAC itself – from the Commissioners to the staff to the website – must be a consistent, clear messenger that equipment certified to the VVSG 1.0 remains federally certified for use following the deprecation of the 1.0 standard. This campaign must begin immediately. **We cannot wait for false information about the VVSG 1.0 deprecation to spread before we try to stop it.** The EAC must help us proactively educate the public now.

As individuals and as an organization, we are prepared to assist the EAC in this effort. Our community must stand together to combat inaccurate information about the administration of elections in the United States. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to working together to address this critical issue.

Rob Rock, President
Mandi Grandjean, Incoming President
Mandy Vigil, Vice President
Bryan Caskey, Treasurer, NASED TGDC Representative
Karen Brinson Bell, Secretary
Meagan Wolfe, Immediate Past President
Jonathan Brater, Midwest Region Representative
Blake Evans, South Region Representative
Stuart Holmes, West Region Representative
Will Senning, Northeast Region Representative
Judd Choate, NASED TGDC Representative, NASED President, 2017-2018
Keith Ingram, NASED Board of Advisors Representative, NASED President, 2019-2020
Linda Lamone, NASED Board of Advisors Representative, NASED President, 2005-2006

cc:
Steven Frid, Executive Director, US Election Assistance Commission
US Senate Committee on Rules and Administration
US House Committee on House Administration

[3] US Election Assistance Commission, "VSTL Certificates and Accreditation." Accessed March 2023.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:43 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call

Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair

Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023

Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

Thanks,
Leslie

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Minutes: NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:
Hon. Paul Pate, IA (co-chair)
Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM (co-chair)
Hon. Wes Allen, AL
Hon. Adrian Fontes, AZ
Hon. John Thurston, AR
Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
Hon. Stephanie Thomas, CT
Hon. Brad Raffensperger, GA
Hon. Phil McGrane, ID
Hon. Diego Morales, IN
Hon. Scott Schwab, KS
Hon. Michael Adams, KY
Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA (by proxy)
Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
Hon. William Galvin, MA
Hon. Jocelyn Benson, MI
Hon. Steve Simon, MN
Hon. Michael Watson, MS
Hon. Bob Evnen, NE
Hon. Francisco V. Aguilar, NV
Hon. David Scanlan, NH
Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
Hon. Michael Howe, ND
Hon. Frank LaRose, OH (by proxy)
Hon. Shemia Fagan, OR (by proxy)
Hon. Al Schmidt, PA
Hon. Gregg Amore, RI
Hon. Monae Johnson, SD
Hon. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, VT
Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
Hon. Mac Warner, WV

Secretary Pate called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the Elections Committee, noting that the Committee educates and informs members on election administration issues, updates members on federal/congressional activities related to elections, and provides a forum for members to share election practices.

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Secretary Toulouse Oliver noted that NASS still holds bi-weekly Webex meeting of the Elections Committee to share relevant updates and information, as well as hear from presenters on topics of interest to the Committee.

Secretary Pate announced that there was a 2018 NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program that was scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized. He added that the resolution encouraged USPS to include voter registration applications as part of change of address programs. Secretary Toulouse Oliver noted that the membership has recently discussed taking a more cautious and effective approach in handling resolutions, and added that since USPS has an established process in place for providing voter registration information, the Committee may want to consider allowing the resolution to sunset. No action was taken on the resolution, and it was allowed to sunset.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver introduced the first panel of speakers to discuss Congressional staff priorities for the House Administration Committee majority and minority, and the Senate Rules Committee majority. She noted that the Senate Rules was unable to send a representative from the minority due to staffing changes.

Stephen Spaulding, Policy Director, Senate Rules (Majority) noted that priorities include ensuring that elections run smoothly, voters have access to the ballot box, and election workers are protected from threats. Another top priority is ensuring that state and local election officials have the resources and funding they need to administer elections. The Committee will also work to advance legislation based on the Freedom to Vote Act, and will seek input from election officials.

Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration, noted that priorities include election related free-speech issues, and providing members of Congress with a firsthand look at the election administration process. He noted that the Committee will be reintroducing the American Confidence in Elections Act, and added that they don't believe in a one-size fits all approach to elections. He noted that the Committee will also continue to carry out the Constitution requirement for the House to judge the election, returns, and qualifications of members.

Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration, noted that priorities will include cyber and physical election security, addressing election related mis/disinformation, and working to provide election officials with a reliable, sustainable funding source for administering secure for administering elections.

Secretary Pate introduced EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, and EAC Commission Ben Hovland, to discuss EAC programs and initiatives. Ms. McCormick and Mr. Hovland noted the following in their remarks:

- 2023 EAC priorities include certification of voting systems to VVSG 2.0; development of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP); release of the 2020 EAVS; distributing $75 million in election security grants; developing election official resources; and redesigning the EAC website.
- The EAC will stop accepting applications for voting systems to be tested against VVSG 1.0 and 1.1 after November 15, 2023. After that time all applications must be for VVSG 2.0, or limited modifications to existing EAC certifies systems. Jurisdiction can continue to use or procure existing EAC certified systems indefinitely.

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- Congress recently provided the EAC with $1 million dollars for the HAVA College Poll Worker Grant Program. The program has not been funded for several years, and the EAC welcomes feedback as it determines how the program will be carried out.
- The EAC recently released a variety of guides and toolkits, and is currently developing additional election management guidelines, an alternative voting methods report, and other resources.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver asked Secretary Adams to provide an update on the National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) effort. Secretary Adams noted that he and Secretary Simon serve as bipartisan representatives to NVRD from NASS, and said that NVRD recently released its final report on 2022 efforts. He added that NVRD has helped register over 5 million new voters since it was created in 2012, and he encouraged members to get involved in NVRD activities in 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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NASS Elections Committee WebEx Meeting – TLP AMBER – DO NOT SHARE OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICE –

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WORK ELECTIONS

2023 Update

What is WorkElections?

WorkElections.org is a website created by the nonpartisan, non-profit Fair Elections Center to centralize poll worker requirements and applications for jurisdictions around the country.

The website has info for over 5,000 jurisdictions nationwide, making it easy for the public to learn how they can become poll workers in their area. WorkElections is a one-stop shop containing simplified information for prospective poll workers who may not know where or how to apply.

Our Goals

- Ensuring that election officials are able to recruit sufficient staff to administer elections and that no polling places are closed due to a lack of workers.
- Helping election officials to recruit a new generation of poll workers and to diversify their pool of poll workers to better reflect the voters they serve.

Our Work in 2022

- Conducted outreach to thousands of election offices across the country to gather up-to-date information about poll worker recruitment and application links. This entailed over 2,400 phone calls and 4,500 emails to election offices.
- Provided database for use by Power the Polls, of which Fair Election Center is a founding partner. In 2022, Power the Polls engaged over 275,000 potential poll workers.
- Shared lists of Power the Polls signups with election offices that were in need of additional applicants in the advance of the November 2022 election.

How You Can Help

- Remind local election officials in your state about this resource.
- Encourage local election officials to share updates to poll worker information or applications so we can keep their jurisdictions' WorkElections pages up-to-date.
- Notify us regarding poll worker needs in your state (e.g. staff shortages or specific language/technology skills in high demand).
- Develop a statewide online poll worker application to streamline the recruitment process.

Looking Forward

WorkElections.org and Power the Polls stand ready to assist election officials with meeting poll worker needs for the 2023 elections. We aim to deepen our collaboration with election officials in advance of the 2024 election cycle.

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Contact Us

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with any questions.

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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:02 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Attached are the notes from our call yesterday.

Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
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Ingrid Sundlee ingrid.sundlee@wetheveterans.us

NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached you will find the agenda for the **NASS Elections Committee** during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference on **Thursday, Feb 16, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM**. We will hear from Senate Rules and House Administration Committee staff as well as the US Election Assistance Commission.

Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

Thanks so much!
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NASS Elections Committee WebEx Meeting
February 9th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced Ellen Gustafson, Co-Executive Director of Vet the Vote, to discuss the organization's poll worker recruitment efforts. Ms. Gustafson noted the following in her remarks:

- Veterans and military family members represent the most trusted in institution in the country, and are respected leaders, public servants, and citizens in their local communities. Vet the Vote works to recruit veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers and help strengthen democracy by increasing positive civic engagement of veterans and military family members, reducing the impact of mis/disinformation, and reducing threats of political violence.
- There are over 17 million veterans and military family members in America, and last summer Vote the Vet started the poll worker recruitment campaign to help address poll worker shortages. The organization was able to recruit 63,000 poll workers in a 5–6-month period.
- Vet the Vote built a coalition of 32 organizations that includes a number of military and veteran related organizations, as well as the National Football League (NFL), which conducted PSAs and publicized Vet the Vote recruitment efforts at several NFL games. The organization also worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on outreach to veterans, which resulted in a significant number of individuals signing up to serve as poll workers.
- Vote the Vet utilized Power the Polls for the poll worker sign up process, but understands that the process can be complicated, and is actively looking to work with states on the best ways to recruit and sign-up poll worker as part of a national campaign.
- Vote the Vet conducted as survey of veterans and military members who signed up to be poll workers, and 93% said they plan on volunteering again, 96% would recommend the role to other veterans and military family members; and 80% said it overwhelmingly increased their trust in elections.

Secretary Way noted that New Jersey has a statewide election each year, and said her office is interested in engaging with Vet the Vote for the upcoming election cycle. Ms. Gustafson noted that they were eager to engage and added that they are working to expand their platform to provide veterans and military family members with general information/education about elections, including information about elections that might not get as much attention.

Secretary Thomas noted that Connecticut often has a shortage of poll workers, and will likely need even more with the anticipated implementation of early voting by 2024. She added that the office is working to identify organizations it can partner with on recruitment efforts and is interested in connecting with Vet the Vote. Secretary Fontes, Secretary Aguilar, and several other states also expressed interest in working with Vet the Vote.

A participant asked if Vet the Vote was looking to identify local contacts to coordinate with or a single national contact. Ms. Gustafson noted that they worked with Power to the Polls as part of a national recruitment effort, but noted that they have consistently heard that the process can be frustrating for local offices. She added that in the future they would like to have more of a state-by-state approach, and they

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are interested in working with Secretary of State to explore different ways to operate that would work well in each state.

Reynolds noted that she would share Ms. Gustafson's contact information with the Elections Committee.

Reynolds provided an update on election related activities, including the following:

- FVAP discussed the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant opportunity on the last Elections Committee call, and the grant application is now available. The EASE program is a competitive grant, and the application closes in mid-March.
- The Elections Committee will meet on February 16th as part of the upcoming NASS winter conference. The Committee agenda includes staff from the House Administration and Senate Rules Committee, as well as the Election Assistance Commission. There will also be an election security workshop on February 16th, and a presentation from NCSL on the Harper v. Moore case on February 17th.
- The House Administration Committee recently announced the members of the elections subcommittee. The chair of the subcommittee is Laurel Lee (R-FL), and the ranking member of the subcommittee is Terri Sewell (D-AL).
- NASS recently participated in an EAC roundtable discussion on poll worker recruitment efforts. NASS mentioned its efforts working with the ABA on recruiting lawyers to serve as poll workers, and noted efforts by states to add poll worker recruitment efforts to their websites. The Elections Committee can consider having a discussion at the summer conference on ways to facilitate poll worker recruitment at the state level, since the local nature of the poll worker application process can create challenges for national campaigns.
- CISA is developing a cyber risk summary report based on election infrastructure information collected at the state and local level. NASS will include a discussion of the report on the agenda for the first Committee call after the winter conference. NASS has also invited the EAC inspector general to discuss EAC audits on an upcoming call, and will also invite the DOJ Election Threats Task force to join a future call.
- Members are encouraged to reach out to NASS if they have ideas for any other speakers or organizations they would like the hear from on an upcoming Committee call.

The call ended at 3:00 PM ET.

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NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30AM – 12:00PM
Independence East/West
Grand Hyatt
Washington, DC

NASS Elections Committee Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM

- **Committee Business**

  Committee Overview – Issues, Agencies, Congressional Committees
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

  Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program

- **Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules**

  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- **US Election Assistance Commission – Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines 2.0 and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot**

  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

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From:	Lindsey Forson
Cc:	Reynolds, Leslie; Dodd, Stacy; Maria Benson; Milhofer, John; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Chief Deputies: Upcoming Meetings
Date:	Thursday, February 02, 2023 10:35:16 AM
Attachments:	draft-agenda-nass-winter23-011123.docx

Dear NASS Chief Deputies,

Welcome to our newest additions! I hope everyone is doing well.

I'm writing to provide an overview of upcoming NASS Chief Deputies meetings:

NASS Winter Conference

There will be a roundtable discussion for NASS members' Chief Deputies and other Secretary of State staff leadership on **Wednesday, February 15 from 3 pm – 4 pm ET in the Banneker Room.** Attached to this email is a full draft agenda for the NASS Winter Conference. **For security purposes, please do not share this further.** Conference registration closes tomorrow! We hope to see many of you there and that you enjoy the sessions scheduled throughout the conference! Let me know if you have any questions about the agenda.

Monthly Virtual NASS Chief Deputies Meetings

We will restart our monthly virtual NASS Chief Deputies meetings in March. We generally meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ET via WebEx. Due to some updates to the WebEx scheduling tool, I will not schedule a meeting series. Instead, I will send you individual meeting invitations for March, April, May, and June right after I hit send on this email. Let me know if you have questions about these meetings.

I hope to see you in a couple of weeks!

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Please Note: Agenda is subject to change. Committee meetings and sessions are open to all attendees, unless otherwise noted. Conference dress is business attire. **Valid conference ID badge is required for entry to ALL meetings and events. You must be registered to receive conference ID badge.** All meeting times are listed in Eastern time. Most meetings will be held on the Independence level (5B) of the Grand Hyatt.

WEDNESDAY – February 15, 2023

Registration check-in open 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (1B Registration Desk).

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET	**Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council (EIS-GCC) Meeting (not a NASS mtg.)** Declaration AB (Level 1B)
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - NASS Executive Board Meeting & Lunch** Tiber Creek AB (Level 1B) *Any NASS Member Secretary/ Lieutenant Governor may attend* Resolution - NASS Resolution in Support of Self Determination and Equality for Puerto Rico
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET	**Expo/Demo Set-Up** Independence Foyer
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM ET	**Afternoon Break** Declaration Foyer (Level 1B)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - Secretaries-Only Meeting** Declaration AB (Level 1B)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION – State Staff Only Meeting** Banneker (Level 1B)
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - New Member Orientation w/ NASS Exec. Board** Tiber Creek AB (Level 1B) *Any NASS Member Secretary/ Lieutenant Governor may attend*

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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ET **CLOSED SESSION - New Member Reception at Microsoft**
All NASS Member Secretaries/ Lieutenant Governors are invited to attend, plus one guest (901 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001)

THURSDAY – February 16, 2023

Registration check-in open 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Independence Foyer).

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM ET **Breakfast**
Independence ABCDE

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET **Expo/Demo**
Independence Foyer

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM ET **Cybersecurity Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA & Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
Independence East/West

- Overview of NASS Cybersecurity Committee
  Ms. Lindsey Forson, Deputy Executive Director, NASS
- Cybersecurity in 2023: A Fireside Chat with CISA Director, Ms. Jen Easterly
  Moderated by Hon. Tahesha Way, Secretary of State, New Jersey
- A Look Ahead at Cyber Threats to the Homeland
  Ms. Cynthia Kaiser, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI Cyber Division
- Cybersecurity Lessons from Abroad
  Ms. Ginny Badanes, Senior Director of Democracy Forward, Microsoft

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM ET **Morning Break**
Independence Foyer

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ET **Elections Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM
Independence East/West

- Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program
- Overview of NASS Elections Committee
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

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- Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules
  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee *(Invited)*
  TBA, Minority Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- US Election Assistance Commission – Voting Systems Guidelines and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot
  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET **NASS Awards Luncheon Featuring the Posthumous Presentation of the 2022 Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award to Miguel Trujillo and Mr. John Schreiber, President & CEO, New Jersey Performing Arts Center**
Independence ABCDE

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET **Workshop: Election Security**
Independence East/West

- Overview of Federal Government Support for State and Local Election Officials & Election Security Priorities for 2023-2024
  Mr. Geoff Hale, Election Security Initiative Lead, CISA
  Ms. Kim Wyman, Senior Advisor for Election Security, CISA

- Stations:
  CISA Cybersecurity Support
  CISA Protective Security Support
  Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM ET **Afternoon Break**
Independence Foyer

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET **State Heritage Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Cord Byrd, FL & Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
Independence East/West

- Using 1950 Census Data – Handwriting Recognition Technology
  Mr. Jared Akenhead, Senior Manager for Content Acquisition, Ancestry.com

- Council of State Archivists (CoSA) Preparing Archives for Records in Email (PREPARE) Initiative
  Ms. Joy Banks, Executive Director, CoSA *(invited)*

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5:15 PM - 6:15 PM ET **Welcome Reception**
Independence Foyer

FRIDAY – February 17, 2023

Registration check-in open 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Independence Foyer).

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET **Breakfast - International Relations Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. Michael Adams, KY & Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
Independence ABCDE

- Ms. Elanna Cahn of American Jewish Committee (AJC)– Delegation to Israel in December 2023 (Project Interchange)
- Ms. Irina Faskianos & Mr. Chris Tuttle of Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)– Services/Resources of CFR
- Ms. Sharmeen Khan of the U.S. State Department – Services & Resources/International Protocol

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET **Expo/Demo**
Independence Foyer

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM ET **Business Services Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. John Thurston, AR & Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
Independence East/West

- Resolution - NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards
- Overview of NASS Business Services Committee
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS
- FinCEN and US Treasury: Guidance and Tools for the Implementation of the Final Rule for the Corporate Transparency Act
  Ms. Sarah Liebschutz, Senior Advisor, CTA Implementation, FinCEN
  Mr. Scott Rembrandt, Deputy Secretary, Office of Terrorism Financing and Financial Crimes, US Treasury
- The Better Business Bureau Institute for Marketplace Trust and their Resources
  Ms. Melissa Lanning Trumpower, Executive Director, Better Business Bureau Institute for Marketplace Trust

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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM ET **Morning Break**
Independence Foyer

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET **Workshop: Digital Government in 2023: Trends, Opportunities, and Challenges**
Independence East/West

Ms. Ann Lewis, Director of the Technology Transformation Services, General Services Administration (GSA)

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET **Lunch featuring Keynote Speaker, Ms. Joan Lunden, Award-Winning Journalist, Best-selling Author and Former Television Host**
Independence ABCDE

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET **Headshot Lounge Open**
McPherson Square
Secretaries, Lieutenant Governors and State Government Staff in need of a new headshot? Come join us for a complimentary headshot that can be used for your website, social media, speaker bio, news articles, etc.

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET **Securities Committee**
Co-Chairs: Hon. David Scanlan, NH & Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
Franklin Square

- Overview of the Securities Committee
  Hon. David Scanlan, NH & Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
- Roundtable Discussion of State Regulatory, Educational and Enforcement Issues

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM ET **Afternoon Break**
Independence Foyer

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM ET **Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper**
Independence East/West

Background on the case, the players and the arguments.
Ms. Susan Parnas Frederick, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

5:30 PM – 6:45 PM ET **Reception for Secretaries of State & NASS Corporate Affiliates**
Cabinet

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8:00 AM – 8:45 AM ET	**Breakfast** Independence East
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET	**Expo/Demo Tear Down** Independence Foyer
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM ET	**CLOSED SESSION - Secretaries-Only Meeting** Independence DE
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM ET	**CLOSED SESSION – Communications Staff Roundtable** Independence BC
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM ET	**Morning Break** Independence Foyer
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET	**NASS Business Meeting** Independence West *Members will vote on business items adopted by NASS committees.*

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Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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Time: Jan 4, 2024 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:22 PM
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Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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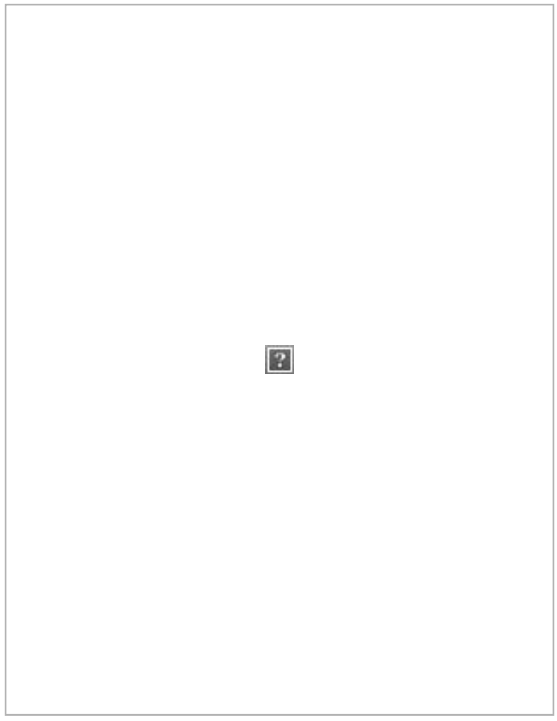
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2 at 4:00pm EST. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 10:49:25 AM CST, Kimberly Smith <ksmith@eac.gov> wrote:

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The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chairâ s discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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Subject:	Standards Board Executive Board Meeting Reminder
Date:	Wednesday, December 06, 2023 9:49:25 AM
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Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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From:	Lindsey Forson
Cc:	Reynolds, Leslie; Dodd, Stacy; Maria Benson; Brittany Hamilton; Milhofer, John
Subject:	RE: NASS Chief Deputies Updates
Date:	Thursday, January 04, 2024 11:45:47 AM
Attachments:	Hoyt - Official Bio non-DoD.docx contact-list-chief-deputies-111723.xlsx draft-agenda-nass-winter24-120723.docx

Dear NASS Chief Deputies,

Happy New Year!

This is a reminder that we kick off our 2024 monthly virtual NASS Chief Deputies meetings next Wednesday, January 10 at 2 pm EST. Dr. Tim Hoyt, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, will provide a presentation on promoting mental health and well-being in the workplace as managers (and for ourselves!). Dr. Hoyt's bio is attached. This one should already be on your calendar, but let me know if you still need the invite.

Also, our updated NASS Chief Deputies contact list is attached. NASS contact lists may only be used for official business purposes of your state government office (not for political use, commercial use, etc.) and may not be distributed outside your office. Feel free to send updates any time as we share the list periodically.

We will take February off due to the NASS Winter Conference. We hope you will register for the conference and join us for the state staff-only meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, February 8 from 3:15 – 4:15 pm ET. A preliminary draft agenda is attached. **For security reasons, do not distribute this outside your office.** Please note – this draft is subject to change, and speakers will be added as they are approved and confirmed.

We will schedule our March – June monthly virtual meetings soon, so expect to see those invitations. Please let me know your ideas for speakers, discussion topics, etc.

As we kick off this year, please remember the NASS team is here to help! Don't hesitate to reach out when you have questions or are dealing with challenging issues. We may be able to connect you with a state who has been through something similar, navigate the federal bureaucracy, provide a helpful contact, etc.

Thank you all for what you do!

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From: Lindsey Forson
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 8:57 AM
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Subject: NASS Chief Deputies Updates

Dear NASS Chief Deputies,

Attached to this email are the notes from our October meeting. Due to seemingly endless scheduling conflicts in December, we will reconvene our meetings in January. Please reach out if you have any questions in the meantime.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 from 2 pm to 3 pm ET – a calendar invitation will follow this email. We will hear from Dr. Tim Hoyt, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, on promoting mental health in the workplace as managers (and for ourselves!). Dr. Hoyt has extensive experience as a military psychologist and currently serves as Deputy Director for Force Resiliency in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness. Although he won't be speaking to us in his official DOD capacity. Some of you may have previously heard Dr. Hoyt present during NASED meetings. If so, I hope this will be a good refresher with some additional information tailored to this audience. If not, I think I think you will find what he has to say useful. Please feel free to share the invitation with other managers in your office.

Also, I'd like to update the NASS Chief Deputies contact list before next year. Please see attached, and let me know if you have any changes for your state. As always, NASS contact lists may only be used for official business purposes of your state government office (not for political use, commercial use, etc.).

Let me know if you have any questions. I hope you all have an excellent upcoming holiday week!

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Dr. Tim Hoyt

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Tim Hoyt was commissioned as an Officer in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Army in 2007 through the Health Professions Scholarship Program, and began his professional career as the Chief Psychology Resident at Madigan Army Medical Center. After deploying as the lead of a behavioral health team supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Dr. Hoyt subsequently served in civilian roles as the chief of an embedded behavioral health clinic, director of an intensive outpatient program for posttraumatic stress disorder, director of the National Center for Telehealth & Technology, and director of the Psychological Health Center of Excellence.

He currently serves as the Deputy Director for Force Resiliency in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness, where he oversees integrated policies, oversight, and synchronization of activities in the areas of personnel risk reduction, suicide prevention, sexual assault prevention and response, violence prevention, and collaborative efforts with the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a Military Psychologist he has authored over 100 scientific research articles on combat-related stress, posttraumatic stress disorder, and adapting treatment for deployed military settings.

Dr. Hoyt is a graduate of the University of Utah, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Literature. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from the University of New Mexico, a post-doctoral Master of Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan, and has been recognized by the American Psychological Association as the recipient of the Charles S. Gersoni Award (2023) for outstanding contributions to military psychology, the Arthur W. Melton Award (2017) for early career achievement in military psychology, and the Peter J. N. Linnerooth National Service Award (2014).

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The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5 at 4:00pm EST. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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Time: Oct 5, 2023 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: Kammi Foote
To: Kammi Foote
Subject: Accepted: EAC Voter List Maintenance Pilot Study @ Wed Sep 13, 2023 12:30pm - 1pm (MDT) (Kammi Foote)
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:53:14 PM
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EAC Voter List Maintenance Pilot Study

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Thursday, October 5, 2023, 1:00 pm PST/AZ, 2:00 pm MT, 3:00 pm CST and 4:00 pm EST

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Chair**
2. **Roll Call, Secretary**
3. **Opening Comments**
4. **TGDC Appointments**
5. **Committee Updates**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Chair**
2. **Roll Call, Secretary**
3. **Opening Comments**
4. **National Poll Worker Recruitment Day/National Voter Registration Day Update**
5. **Committee Updates**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

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From: Maria Benson
To: Maria Benson
Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:45 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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U.S. ELECTION COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 1:00 pm PST/AZ, 2:00 pm MT, 3:00 pm CST and 4:00 pm EST

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Subject:	Standards Board - Executive Board Meeting Reminder
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Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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Time: Jul 6, 2023 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1 at 4:00pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ ¯here:â ¯â ¯https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:47:17 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:22 PM
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Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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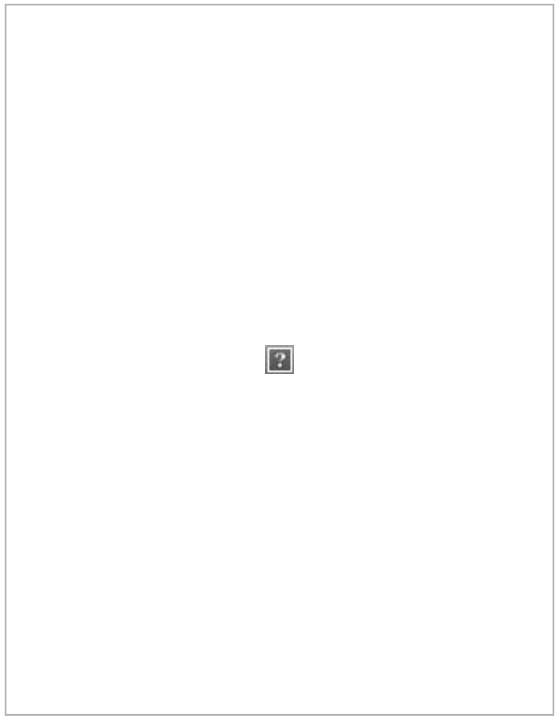
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
- **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all of the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.**
- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. **GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allows users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form**.
- For states that require users to register with a party to participate in primary elections, the user will be presented with a form field to fill in the name of a party. For the affirmation portion of the online form, GSA is working with the EAC counsel to see if there is a way to make that language more clear.
- After the online form is complete, a confirmation page provide users with instructions for printing and mailing the completed form. The instructions for where to mail the form include the state election office address, based on the state specific instructions. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.**
- Currently the online tool will generate the full 27-page PDF with the completed application form and instructions for each state. GSA is considering just having the tool generate a PDF with the completed application form and the basic instructions, in order to reduce the size of the document.

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- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.**

Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:50 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: "Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

Come hear top Postal Service Leaders and Election Officials discuss topics such as:

- Securing and Ensuring the Integrity of Election Mail
- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
- Leveraging Data for Better Election Administration through Business Intelligence
- Understanding Address Management Services
- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 3/23, NASED Letter to EAC on Deprecation Education, 3/23 House Admin Hearing on Observers, 3/23 HSGP Grant Overview Call for Elections, USPS Survey on 3/21, EAC Voter List Maintenance
Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:11 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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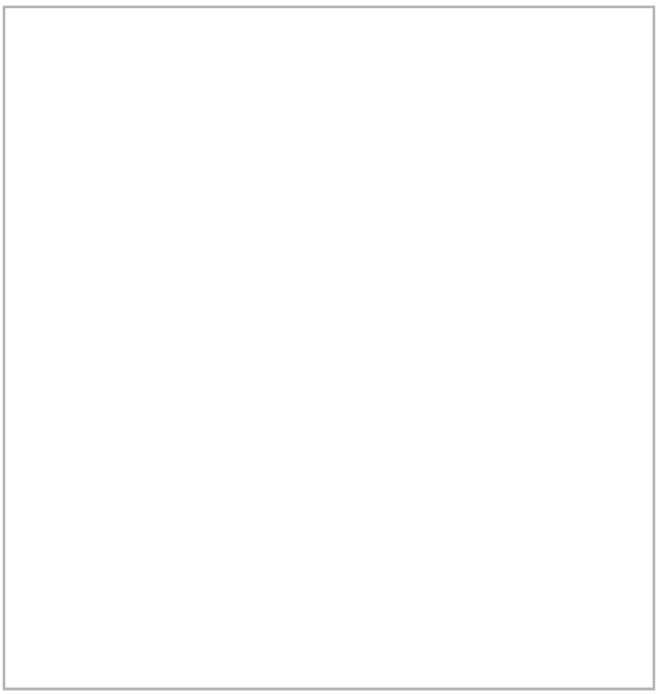

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:43 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call

Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair

Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023

Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:03 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Attached are the notes from our call yesterday.

Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
Ellen Gustafson ellen.gustafson@wetheveterans.us
Ingrid Sundlee ingrid.sundlee@wetheveterans.us

NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached you will find the agenda for the **NASS Elections Committee** during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference on **Thursday, Feb 16, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM**. We will hear from Senate Rules and House Administration Committee staff as well as the US Election Assistance Commission.

Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

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NASS Elections Committee WebEx Meeting
February 9th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced Ellen Gustafson, Co-Executive Director of Vet the Vote, to discuss the organization's poll worker recruitment efforts. Ms. Gustafson noted the following in her remarks:

- Veterans and military family members represent the most trusted in institution in the country, and are respected leaders, public servants, and citizens in their local communities. Vet the Vote works to recruit veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers and help strengthen democracy by increasing positive civic engagement of veterans and military family members, reducing the impact of mis/disinformation, and reducing threats of political violence.
- There are over 17 million veterans and military family members in America, and last summer Vote the Vet started the poll worker recruitment campaign to help address poll worker shortages. The organization was able to recruit 63,000 poll workers in a 5–6-month period.
- Vet the Vote built a coalition of 32 organizations that includes a number of military and veteran related organizations, as well as the National Football League (NFL), which conducted PSAs and publicized Vet the Vote recruitment efforts at several NFL games. The organization also worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on outreach to veterans, which resulted in a significant number of individuals signing up to serve as poll workers.
- Vote the Vet utilized Power the Polls for the poll worker sign up process, but understands that the process can be complicated, and is actively looking to work with states on the best ways to recruit and sign-up poll worker as part of a national campaign.
- Vote the Vet conducted as survey of veterans and military members who signed up to be poll workers, and 93% said they plan on volunteering again, 96% would recommend the role to other veterans and military family members; and 80% said it overwhelmingly increased their trust in elections.

Secretary Way noted that New Jersey has a statewide election each year, and said her office is interested in engaging with Vet the Vote for the upcoming election cycle. Ms. Gustafson noted that they were eager to engage and added that they are working to expand their platform to provide veterans and military family members with general information/education about elections, including information about elections that might not get as much attention.

Secretary Thomas noted that Connecticut often has a shortage of poll workers, and will likely need even more with the anticipated implementation of early voting by 2024. She added that the office is working to identify organizations it can partner with on recruitment efforts and is interested in connecting with Vet the Vote. Secretary Fontes, Secretary Aguilar, and several other states also expressed interest in working with Vet the Vote.

A participant asked if Vet the Vote was looking to identify local contacts to coordinate with or a single national contact. Ms. Gustafson noted that they worked with Power to the Polls as part of a national recruitment effort, but noted that they have consistently heard that the process can be frustrating for local offices. She added that in the future they would like to have more of a state-by-state approach, and they

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are interested in working with Secretary of State to explore different ways to operate that would work well in each state.

Reynolds noted that she would share Ms. Gustafson's contact information with the Elections Committee.

Reynolds provided an update on election related activities, including the following:

- FVAP discussed the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant opportunity on the last Elections Committee call, and the grant application is now available. The EASE program is a competitive grant, and the application closes in mid-March.
- The Elections Committee will meet on February 16th as part of the upcoming NASS winter conference. The Committee agenda includes staff from the House Administration and Senate Rules Committee, as well as the Election Assistance Commission. There will also be an election security workshop on February 16th, and a presentation from NCSL on the Harper v. Moore case on February 17th.
- The House Administration Committee recently announced the members of the elections subcommittee. The chair of the subcommittee is Laurel Lee (R-FL), and the ranking member of the subcommittee is Terri Sewell (D-AL).
- NASS recently participated in an EAC roundtable discussion on poll worker recruitment efforts. NASS mentioned its efforts working with the ABA on recruiting lawyers to serve as poll workers, and noted efforts by states to add poll worker recruitment efforts to their websites. The Elections Committee can consider having a discussion at the summer conference on ways to facilitate poll worker recruitment at the state level, since the local nature of the poll worker application process can create challenges for national campaigns.
- CISA is developing a cyber risk summary report based on election infrastructure information collected at the state and local level. NASS will include a discussion of the report on the agenda for the first Committee call after the winter conference. NASS has also invited the EAC inspector general to discuss EAC audits on an upcoming call, and will also invite the DOJ Election Threats Task force to join a future call.
- Members are encouraged to reach out to NASS if they have ideas for any other speakers or organizations they would like the hear from on an upcoming Committee call.

The call ended at 3:00 PM ET.

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NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30AM – 12:00PM
Independence East/West
Grand Hyatt
Washington, DC

NASS Elections Committee Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM

- **Committee Business**

  Committee Overview – Issues, Agencies, Congressional Committees
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

  Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program

- **Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules**

  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- **US Election Assistance Commission – Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines 2.0 and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot**

  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ ¯here:â ¯â ¯https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:47:17 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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ABOUT NASS

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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:51 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: "Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

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- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
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5) No discounts apply. Click continue.

6) Click Yes or No for a hotel reservation, click continue.

7) Enter payment information, and submit.

This is your opportunity to meet and network with Postal Service Leadership, State Election Executives, and Election Mail preparation vendors.

Special Registration for this event includes:

- One Day Conference Registration: $149 (Wednesday, May 24th, 8:00am – 3:00pm, EST)
- Tuesday Evening NPF Reception (Tuesday, May 23rd, 4:00pm – 5:30pm EST)
- Wednesday Election Mail Forum/Networking Luncheon (Wednesday, May 24th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, EST)
- Evening Closing Event – NASCAR Hall Of Fame (Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm – 10:00pm, EST)

For complete details go to NPF.org/promos/election-mail-day

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:01 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Attached are the notes from our call yesterday.

Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
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Ingrid Sundlee ingrid.sundlee@wetheveterans.us

NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached you will find the agenda for the **NASS Elections Committee** during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference on **Thursday, Feb 16, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM**. We will hear from Senate Rules and House Administration Committee staff as well as the US Election Assistance Commission.

Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

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NASS Elections Committee WebEx Meeting
February 9th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced Ellen Gustafson, Co-Executive Director of Vet the Vote, to discuss the organization's poll worker recruitment efforts. Ms. Gustafson noted the following in her remarks:

- Veterans and military family members represent the most trusted in institution in the country, and are respected leaders, public servants, and citizens in their local communities. Vet the Vote works to recruit veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers and help strengthen democracy by increasing positive civic engagement of veterans and military family members, reducing the impact of mis/disinformation, and reducing threats of political violence.
- There are over 17 million veterans and military family members in America, and last summer Vote the Vet started the poll worker recruitment campaign to help address poll worker shortages. The organization was able to recruit 63,000 poll workers in a 5–6-month period.
- Vet the Vote built a coalition of 32 organizations that includes a number of military and veteran related organizations, as well as the National Football League (NFL), which conducted PSAs and publicized Vet the Vote recruitment efforts at several NFL games. The organization also worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on outreach to veterans, which resulted in a significant number of individuals signing up to serve as poll workers.
- Vote the Vet utilized Power the Polls for the poll worker sign up process, but understands that the process can be complicated, and is actively looking to work with states on the best ways to recruit and sign-up poll worker as part of a national campaign.
- Vote the Vet conducted as survey of veterans and military members who signed up to be poll workers, and 93% said they plan on volunteering again, 96% would recommend the role to other veterans and military family members; and 80% said it overwhelmingly increased their trust in elections.

Secretary Way noted that New Jersey has a statewide election each year, and said her office is interested in engaging with Vet the Vote for the upcoming election cycle. Ms. Gustafson noted that they were eager to engage and added that they are working to expand their platform to provide veterans and military family members with general information/education about elections, including information about elections that might not get as much attention.

Secretary Thomas noted that Connecticut often has a shortage of poll workers, and will likely need even more with the anticipated implementation of early voting by 2024. She added that the office is working to identify organizations it can partner with on recruitment efforts and is interested in connecting with Vet the Vote. Secretary Fontes, Secretary Aguilar, and several other states also expressed interest in working with Vet the Vote.

A participant asked if Vet the Vote was looking to identify local contacts to coordinate with or a single national contact. Ms. Gustafson noted that they worked with Power to the Polls as part of a national recruitment effort, but noted that they have consistently heard that the process can be frustrating for local offices. She added that in the future they would like to have more of a state-by-state approach, and they

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are interested in working with Secretary of State to explore different ways to operate that would work well in each state.

Reynolds noted that she would share Ms. Gustafson's contact information with the Elections Committee.

Reynolds provided an update on election related activities, including the following:

- FVAP discussed the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant opportunity on the last Elections Committee call, and the grant application is now available. The EASE program is a competitive grant, and the application closes in mid-March.
- The Elections Committee will meet on February 16th as part of the upcoming NASS winter conference. The Committee agenda includes staff from the House Administration and Senate Rules Committee, as well as the Election Assistance Commission. There will also be an election security workshop on February 16th, and a presentation from NCSL on the Harper v. Moore case on February 17th.
- The House Administration Committee recently announced the members of the elections subcommittee. The chair of the subcommittee is Laurel Lee (R-FL), and the ranking member of the subcommittee is Terri Sewell (D-AL).
- NASS recently participated in an EAC roundtable discussion on poll worker recruitment efforts. NASS mentioned its efforts working with the ABA on recruiting lawyers to serve as poll workers, and noted efforts by states to add poll worker recruitment efforts to their websites. The Elections Committee can consider having a discussion at the summer conference on ways to facilitate poll worker recruitment at the state level, since the local nature of the poll worker application process can create challenges for national campaigns.
- CISA is developing a cyber risk summary report based on election infrastructure information collected at the state and local level. NASS will include a discussion of the report on the agenda for the first Committee call after the winter conference. NASS has also invited the EAC inspector general to discuss EAC audits on an upcoming call, and will also invite the DOJ Election Threats Task force to join a future call.
- Members are encouraged to reach out to NASS if they have ideas for any other speakers or organizations they would like the hear from on an upcoming Committee call.

The call ended at 3:00 PM ET.

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NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30AM – 12:00PM
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NASS Elections Committee Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM

- **Committee Business**

  Committee Overview – Issues, Agencies, Congressional Committees
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

  Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program

- **Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules**

  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- **US Election Assistance Commission – Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines 2.0 and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot**

  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:44 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call

Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair

Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023

Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

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Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:12 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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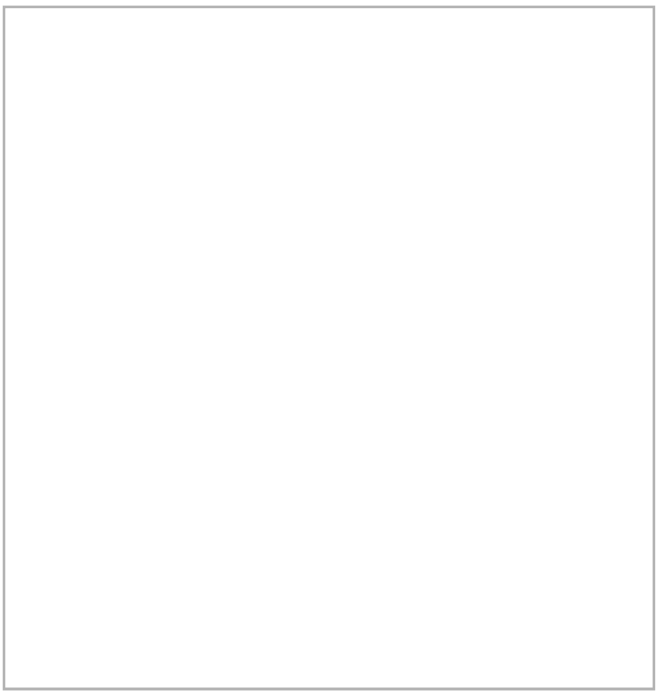

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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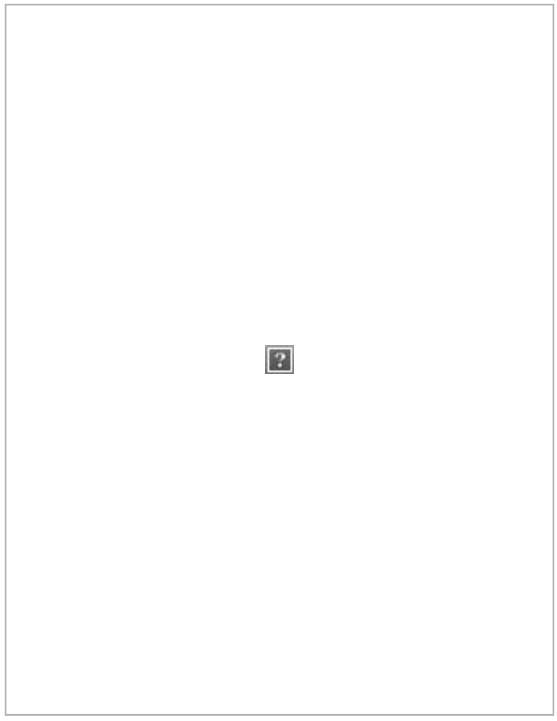
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
- **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all of the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.**
- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. **GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allows users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form**.
- For states that require users to register with a party to participate in primary elections, the user will be presented with a form field to fill in the name of a party. For the affirmation portion of the online form, GSA is working with the EAC counsel to see if there is a way to make that language more clear.
- After the online form is complete, a confirmation page provide users with instructions for printing and mailing the completed form. The instructions for where to mail the form include the state election office address, based on the state specific instructions. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.**
- Currently the online tool will generate the full 27-page PDF with the completed application form and instructions for each state. GSA is considering just having the tool generate a PDF with the completed application form and the basic instructions, in order to reduce the size of the document.

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- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.**

Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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UPDATES & EVENTS Â

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

This month, the EAC is highlighting:

VVSG 2.0 Migration

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Help America Vote College Program Grant Application Period Opens November 16

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The New ESTEP E-Poll Book Pilot Report and Virtual Event

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The 2022 EAVS State Briefs and Interactive Data

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Video Series for Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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Attend the TGDC Annual Meeting on December 5th

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VVSG 2.0 MIGRATION REMINDERÂ

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VVSG 2.0 Migration will conclude on November 15th. **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available to help election officials communicate with the media, the public, and stakeholders. Talking points address what migration means, and how EAC-certified VVSG 1.0 systems are secure and may continue to be used based on state and local law. There are also customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.Â Â Â

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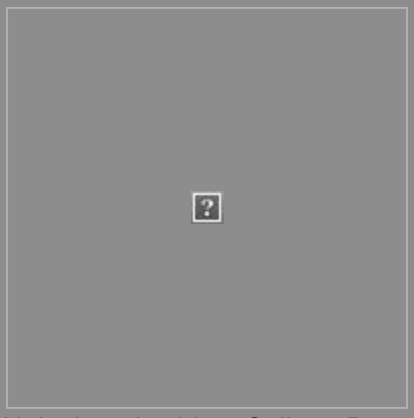
APPLY FOR THE HELP AMERICA VOTE COLLEGE PROGRAM GRANT

November 16 â December 18



Applications for the Help America Vote College Program (HAVCP) grant competition will be open from November 16 through December 18. Eligible organizations include accredited colleges (including community

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colleges) and universities, nonprofit organizations, and local and state election offices. There are two separate grant programs: the two-year HAVCP Poll Worker Grant and the one-year HAVCP Service Day Mini-Grant. These grants are designed to fund civic education, voter engagement efforts, poll worker recruitment, and training for college students.

For more information on these programs, including grant award amounts and document previews, visit **the HAVCPâ s webpage.**

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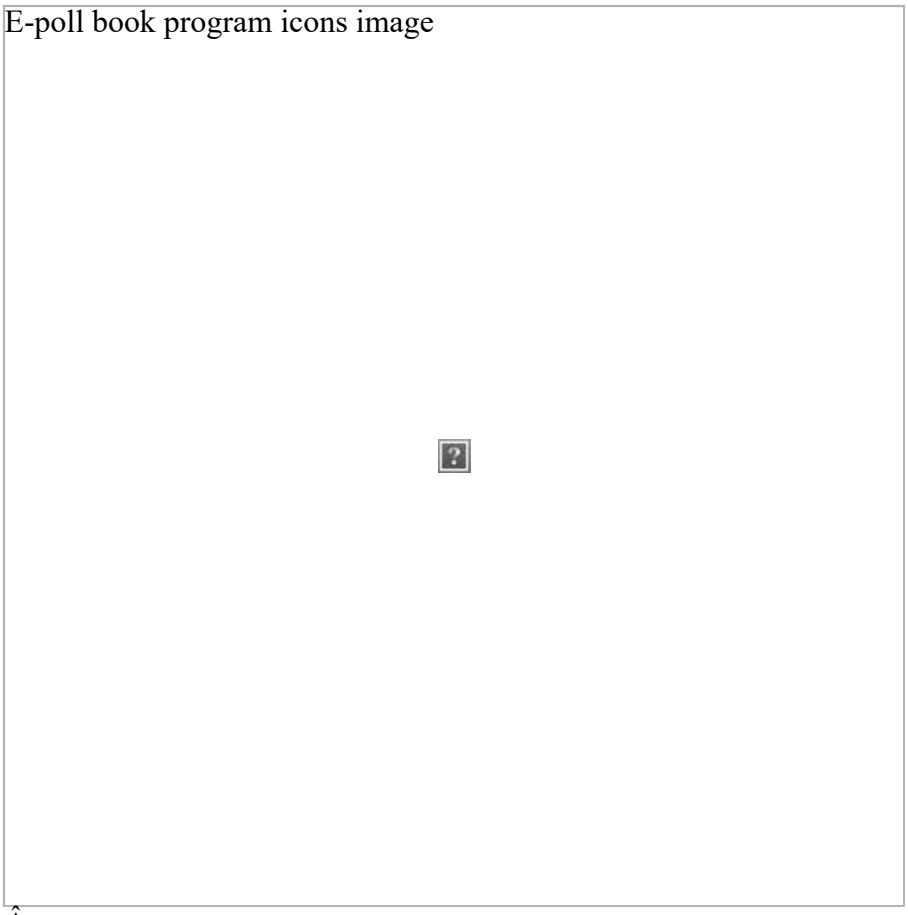

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The EACâ s Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) released findings from the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Pilot Program.** This pilot was conducted by ESTEP to test baseline requirements for e-poll books. The test results found that there was not a single requirement that all participants failed, and that developers are capable of meeting 95% of the requirements as currently drafted in the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (VEPBR v0.9).** Â

ESTEPâ s report identifies noteworthy findings, possible limitations, and plausible solutions to establishing a formal program for EPB certification. ESTEPâ s findings indicate that our nationâ s e-poll books are ready for use in elections. The ESTEP Director recommends a formal program for EPB testing and certification at the EAC. This report is accompanied by updates to eac.gov and a video explaining ESTEPâ s role and further details regarding the pilot.

Thank you to all the stakeholders who made this pilot possible through their time and talents. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Save the Date: November 17th and December 4th E-Poll Book Pilot Program Virtual Events

The EACâ s ESTEP program will have a **live event on November 17th** at 2:00 p.m. EST. Tune in to learn more about the E-Poll Book Pilot Program and this technology from pilot participants, state and local jurisdictions, and voting system test laboratories. Watch it on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.

Additionally, on December 4th at 1:00 p.m. EST, there will be **another virtual event** to discuss next steps for ESTEP and the E-Poll Book Pilot Program.

If you have any questions about the program or events, please contact **estep@eac.gov**.
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EAC VIDEO SERIES: CYBERSECURITY AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

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The EAC has published data briefs for the states, D.C., and territories from the **2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS).** This data covers voter registration, election technology, voter turnout, and more, presented in easy-to-read statistics and charts.

The EAVS data has also been consolidated into an interactive data visualization tool that covers a variety of election aspects, including mail ballot curing, UOCAVA voters, sources of voter registrations, and more. It presents the data with in-depth numbers broken down by state and county levels.

Find all the **briefs and interactive data here.**

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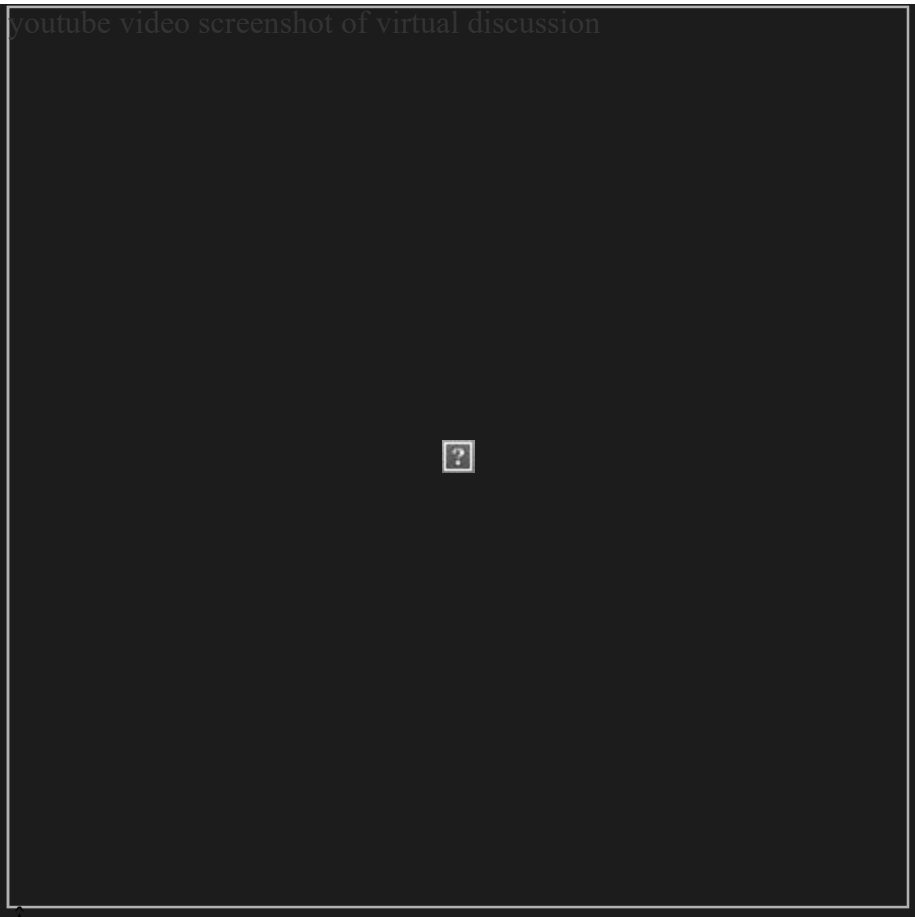

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To mark Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, the EAC Commissioners spoke with several subject matter experts on the topic and the various ways it applies to election administration.

Watch the panels on the **EAC's YouTube channel.**

Commissioner Ben Hovland discussed cybersecurity basics for election officials with Geoff Hale, lead at the Election Security and Resilience team at CISAâ s National Risk Management Center. CISA offers a range of resources that may be helpful to election officials, which can be found **here.**

In recent years, options to cast a ballot privately and independently have expanded, including electronic ballot delivery. This method is one that can benefit voters with disabilities. Commissioner Thomas Hicks discussed the importance of accessibility as well as the security of ballot delivery systems with Dr. Sharon Laskowski, a computer scientist and Deputy Division Chief of the Information Access Division at NIST; Dr. Kathryn Summers, a professor at the University of Baltimore; and Dylan Martin, a security specialist for SLI Compliance.

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Commissioner Donald Palmer discussed the impact of AI technology and what voters and election officials need to know about this evolving technology. Joining him were Howard Knapp, Executive Director of the South Carolina Elections Commission; Sherry Poland, Director of the Hamilton County, Ohio, Board of Elections; and Steve Daitch, a senior subject matter expert at the EAC.

Chairwoman Christy McCormick discussed the role of the EAC in election security by diving into the work of the agencyâ s Testing and Certification program and the Field Services program. Jon Panek, the Director of Testing and Certification and Dan Cox, Manager of the Field Services program, discussed how the EAC supports election officials to secure elections.

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Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Highlight:Â Priority Telecommunications Services

Priority in communications is crucial to continuity of operations when facing adverse conditions such as weather events, mass gatherings, cyber-attacks, or events arising from human error. Check out these resources on CISAâ s priority telecommunications services that enable essential personnel to communicate when networks are degraded or congested. These services cover GETS (landline phones) and WPS (cell phones) telecom prioritization at all levels of government.

The EAC also has **several COOP materials,** including a plan template, quick-start guide, a chapter in the Election Management Guidelines, and more.

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New EAC Office of the Inspector General Website

The EACâ s Office of the Inspector General debuted a new website to make information like audit plans, reports, and how to file a fraud

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report easier to find. Visit these materials and more on **their new website.**Â

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ATTEND THE TGDC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 5

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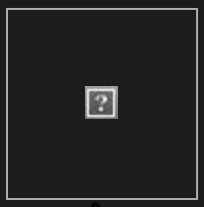

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The EACâ s **Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)** will host an in-person public meeting on December 5, 2023, at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Rockville, Maryland. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on EAC and NIST program updates, the VVSG annual review, lab testing strategies, and more.Â

The TGDC is composed of 14 members appointed jointly by EAC and the director of NIST.

Registration is required to attend this event in person. The meeting will also be live-streamed. Learn more on the **meeting event page.**

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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day Recap

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New Resources: AI Toolkit and Voting Process Changes Simulations Series

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Commissioner Hovlandâ s Video on Engaging Student Voters in College Communities

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING NATIONAL POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT DAY 2023 A SUCCESS! Â

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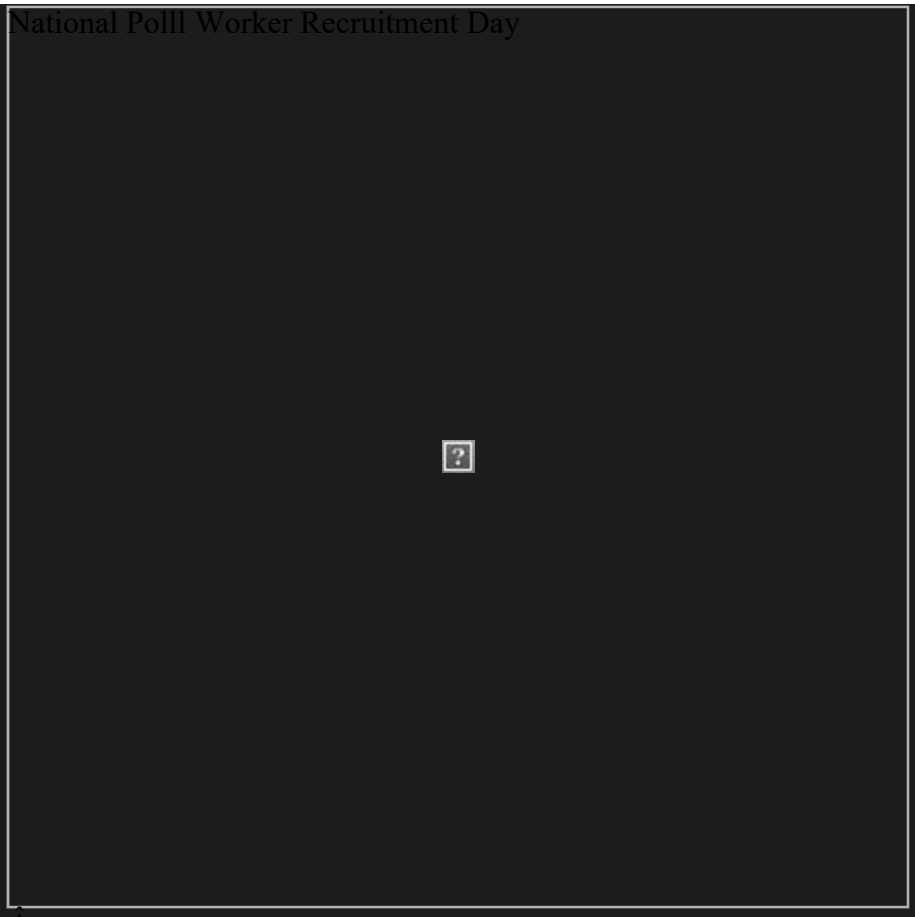
National Polll Worker Recruitment Day



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The EACâ s third annual National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of election offices, organizations, and individuals across the country. Social media was flooded with information on how to sign up to be a poll worker in your local community. State and local election offices across 40 states and the District of Columbia participated in National Poll Worker Recruitment Day this year.Â Â

While National Poll Worker Recruitment Day 2023 has passed, EAC resources, such as the customizable graphics, can be used at any time for poll worker recruitment efforts. In addition to social media, you can add them to mailers, flyers, newsletters, videos, and other creative efforts.Â

The EAC also added the following resources on poll workers to its toolbox in August:

- A new blog post, **Best Practices for Recruiting High School and College Students**, is aimed at supporting recruitment efforts among high school and college students.Â
- To help understand the different legal requirements and

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regulations for serving as a poll worker in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia, the EAC put together a **State-by-State Poll Worker Compendium.**

- The EAC also released this **Quick Tips Guide** to help election officials recruit poll workers, from general to targeted demographics.

Commissioner Donald Palmer interviewed election officials about their poll worker best practices and activities for National Poll Worker Recruitment Day to mark the occasion**.** **You can watch the interview here**.

Make sure to mark your calendars for next year!

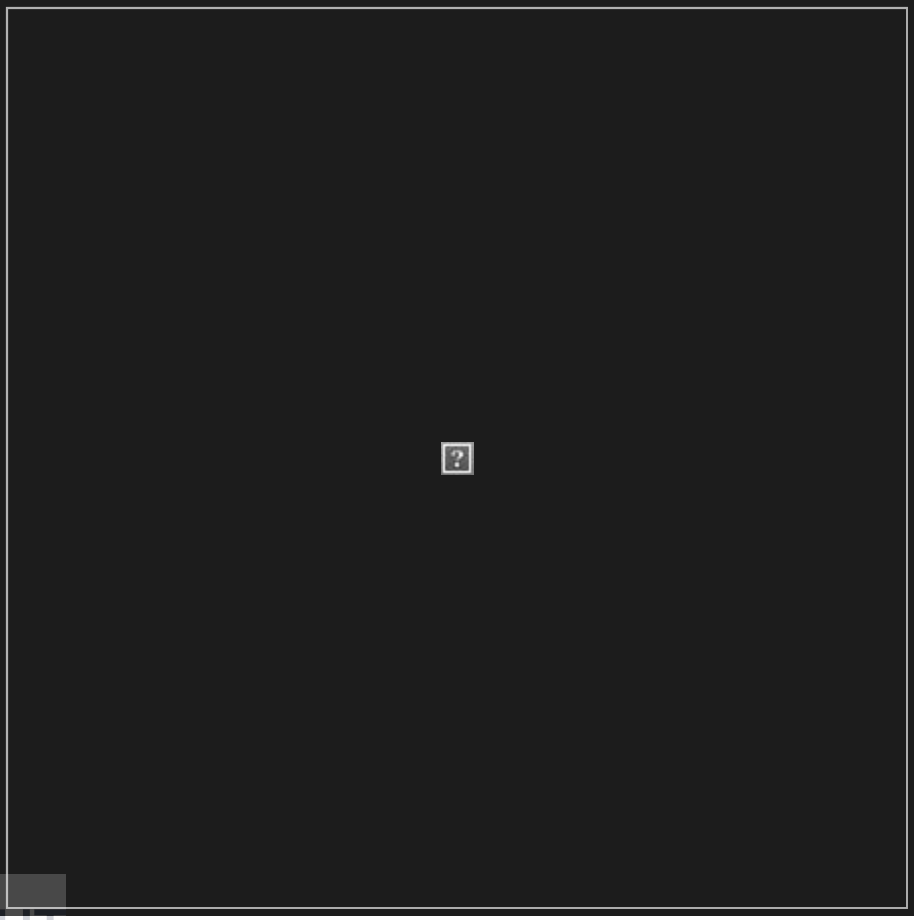
Help America Vote Day will be onÂ

January 30, 2024

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day will be

August 1, 2024

Information on these efforts will be available at HelpAmericaVote.gov and the EACâ s newsletter.



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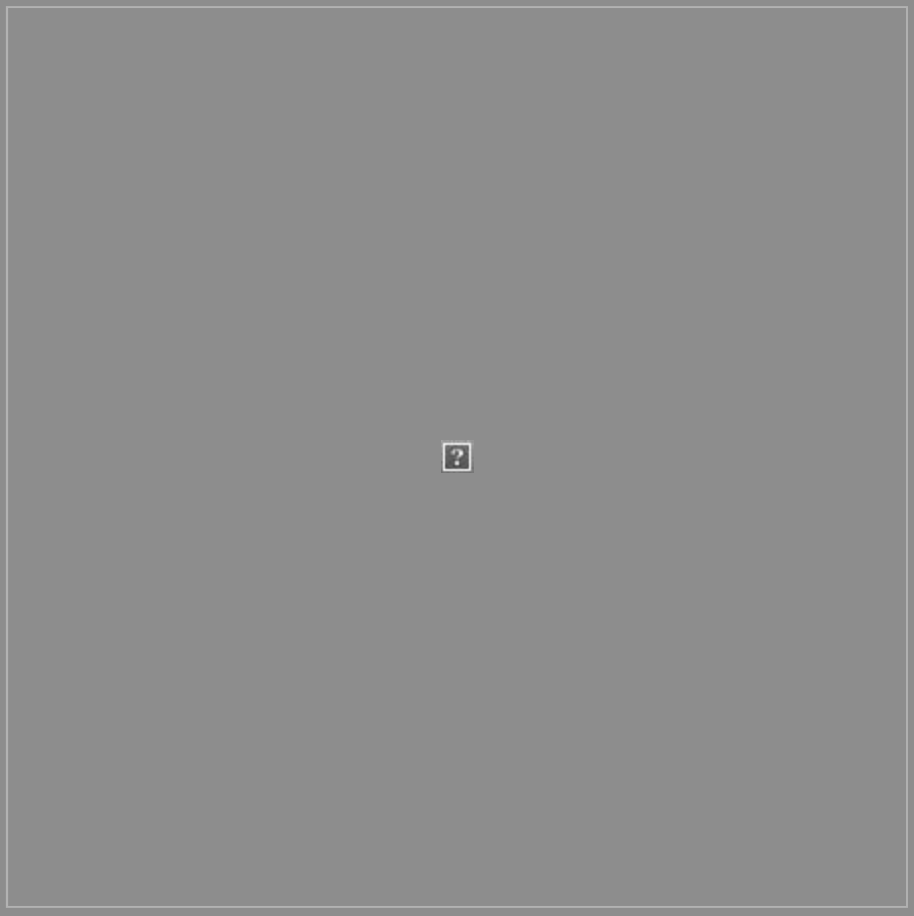
AI TOOLKIT FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS



The impact of artificial intelligence is yet to be seen, but like any technology, AI tools are used for a variety of purposesâ good, bad, and neutral. This new EAC toolkit provides election officials with a general understanding of AI tools and the opportunities and threats that they create for effective election administration. **View it here.**

The resource includes:

- An overview of existing AI tools;
- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of these tools in the field of election administration;
- Communications tips and best practices for navigating AI-generated content;
- A handout template that election officials can use to direct voters and constituents to verifiable sources of accurate information.

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Voting Process Changes Simulations Video

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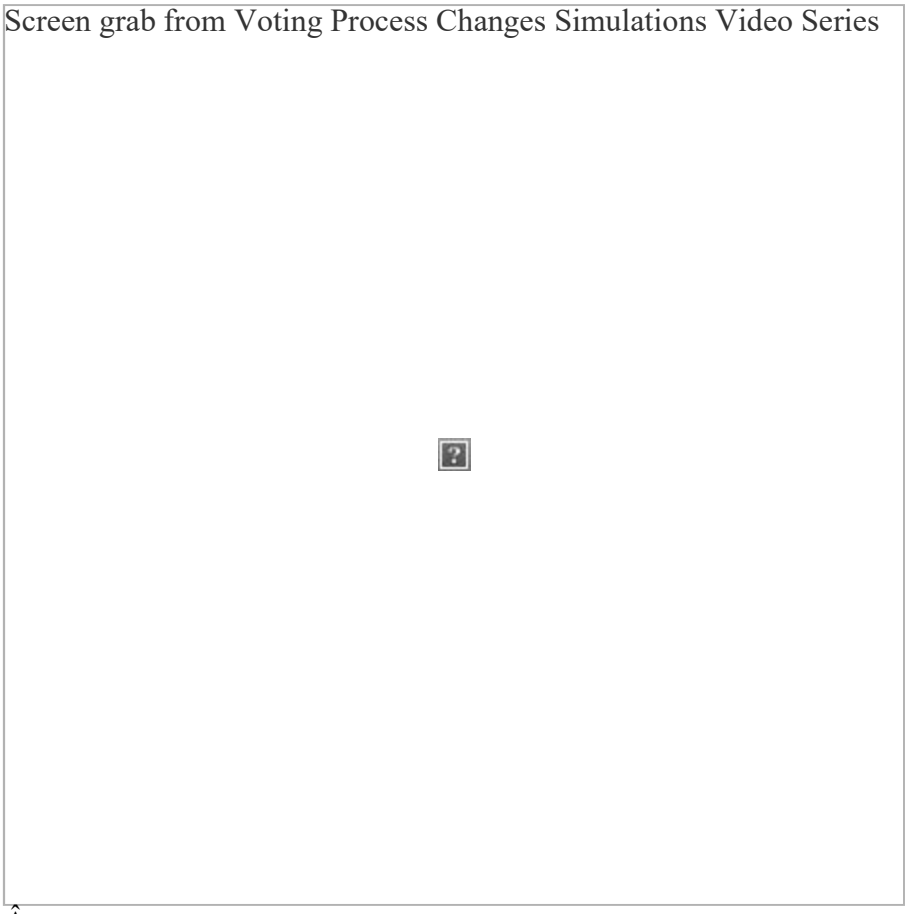

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The EAC released a fourth set of videos as part of the simulation series intended to help election officials develop strategies for incorporating new processes and equipment at polling places. The simulations in this series explore different strategies based on voting processes, available resources, and voter arrival patterns. Through seven videos, election officials will be able to visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting location. Â

Watch it here.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. **More information on this project and on the first simulation series on polling place consolidation can be found on the EACâ s website.**

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BACK TO SCHOOL:

Engaging Student Voters in College

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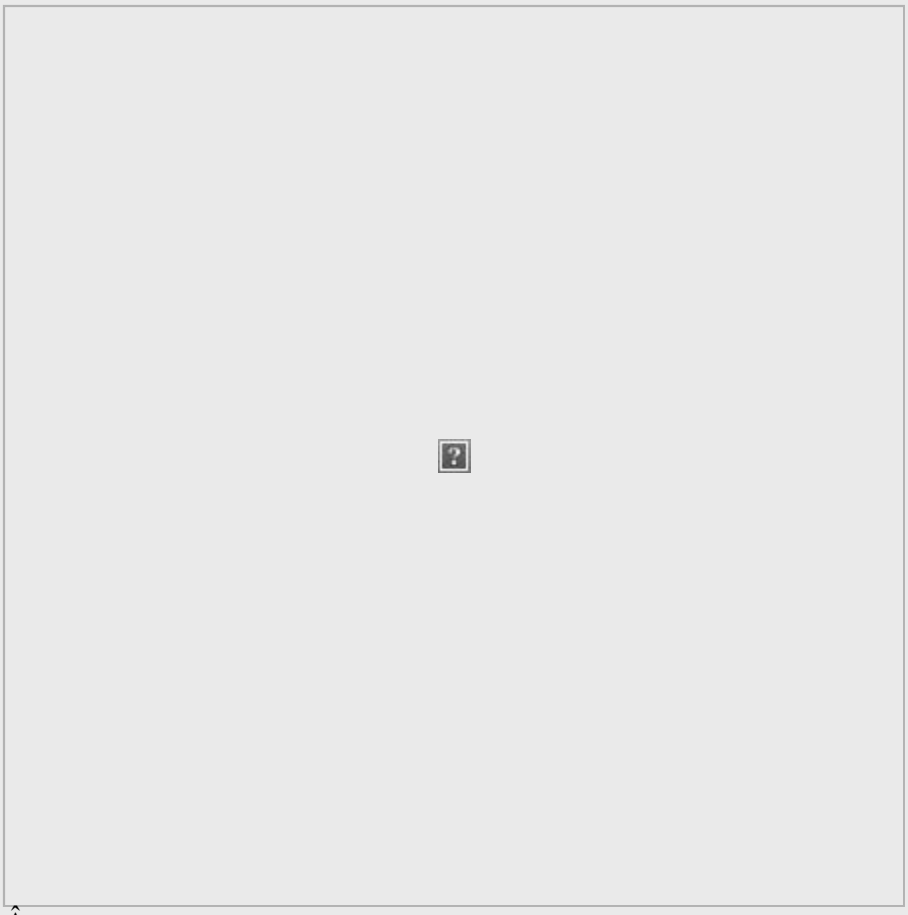

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As students return to campus this fall, they may have questions about their voting options and how to cast a ballot if they are registered at their home address. Commissioner Hovland spoke with experts about best practices for engaging college students in the voting process. Participants highlighted the value of using college interns and campus media organizations to engage with students and get the word out about voting resources. They also recommended using social media to engage students and having resources in multiple languages to reach language-diverse college communities.Â Â

Â **Watch it here.**

Participants included:

- Clarissa Unger, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Students Learn Students Vote CoalitionÂ Â
- Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, Ph.D., Executive Director, ALL IN Campus Democracy ChallengeÂ Â

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Marissa Corrente, Registrar of Voters, District of Columbia Board of ElectionsÂ Â

- Yael Bromberg, Principal, Bromberg Law LLC and Rutgers Law School, Lecturer, *Election Law & the Political Process*Â Â

Commissioner Hovland **previously interviewed election officials** on how they serve and engage student voters in their communities.
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EAC Commissioners and Staff Earn CERA Certification

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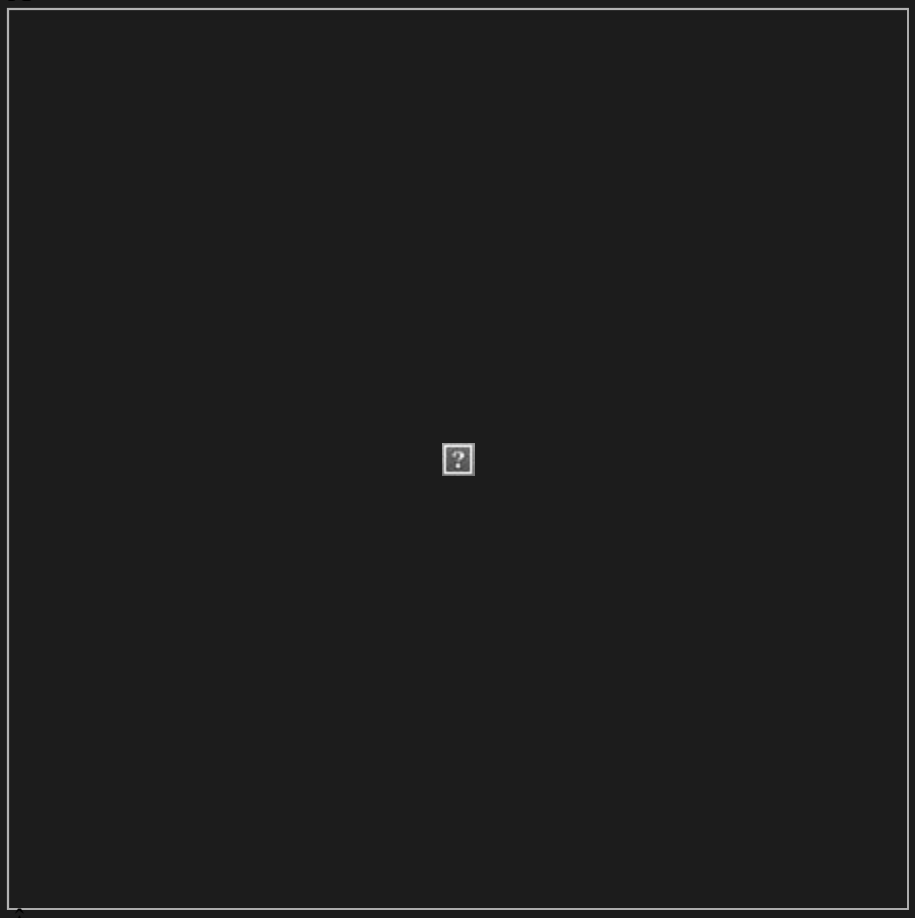

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Congratulations to EAC Vice Chair Ben Hovland (left), Kim Smith, EAC Senior Election Subject Matter Expert (center), and EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks (right), who graduated from the Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) program. This is the highest professional achievement for those who work in elections. This multi-year course of study is taught by faculty from Auburn Universityâs Master in Public Administration program in partnership with the Election Center. The program focuses on the management of elections administration, as well as the promotion and preservation of public trust

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in the democratic process. The EACâ s Clearinghouse team includes several subject matter experts who previously earned CERA certifications, including Steven Daitch, Sara Brady, and Heider Garcia.Â Â

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 Migration

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Reminder: **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available on eac.gov. These resources include talking points to help communicate with media, the public, and stakeholders, as well as customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.

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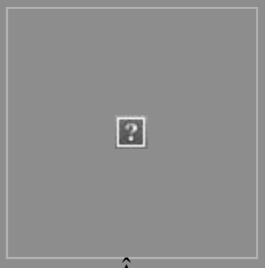

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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

2022 Clearinghouse Awards winners

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New simulation video series on polling place interruptions

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Resources for serving military and UOCAVA voters in recognition of Military Appreciation Month

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Local Leadership Council Annual Meeting and 2023 Data Summit dates

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New Video on the EACâ s Testing and Certification Process

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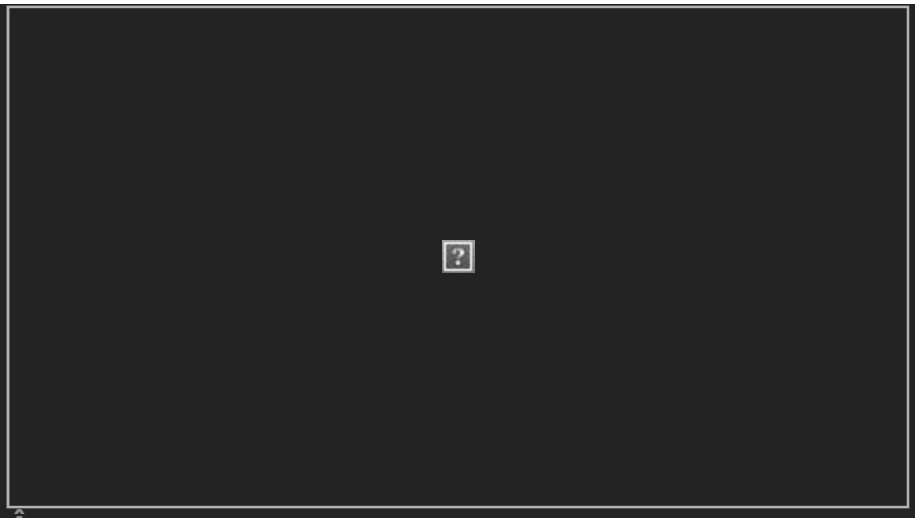

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The EACâ s latest video provides an overview of the agencyâ s rigorous testing and certification process for voting machines, as well as background on the creation of the EAC through the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

You can watch the video here.

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24 state and local election office programs win 2022 Clearinghouse Awards!

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Year-round, election officials and offices work hard to serve their voters. To celebrate some of this work, the EAC is excited to announce the winners of the 2022 Clearinghouse Awards, a.k.a Clearies!

From nearly 100 entries, there are 24 winners and 16 honorable mentions.

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The categories include:

- Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Elections ModernizationÂ
- Outstanding Election Official State Association Program or Local Office
- Election Cybersecurity and Technology
- Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
- Outstanding Innovations in Elections
- Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers
- Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers

Here is the complete list of winners and their programs.

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries on the innovations and best practices they used to better serve their communities. The 2023 Clearinghouse Awards submission period will begin in early 2024. Bookmark **EAC.gov/clearies** for more information.

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NEW RESOURCE

EAC and URI Polling Place Line Interruptions Simulation Video Series Â

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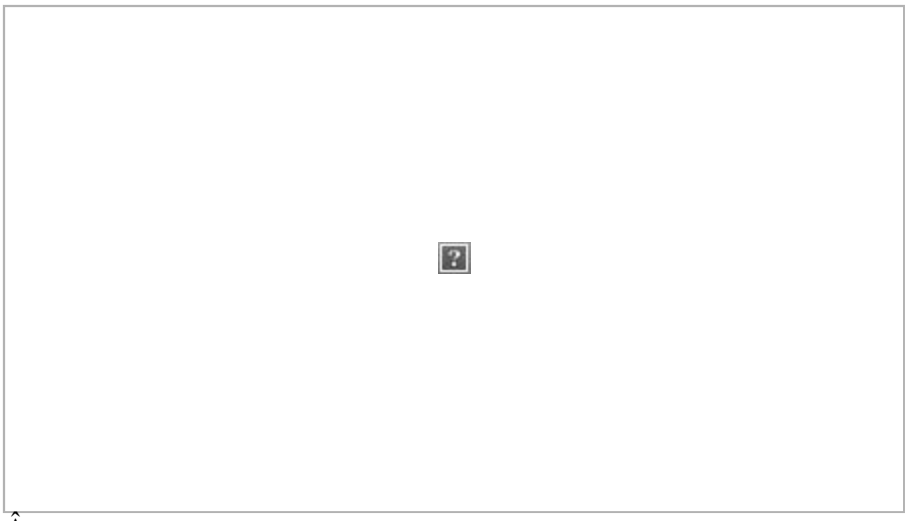

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This new simulation video series is intended to help election officials develop strategies for possible interruptions to their polling places, specifically delayed openings, and temporary shutdowns. The simulations in this series explore voter wait times and mitigations during these interruptions. Through these video simulations, election officials can visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting

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EAC Commissioners recognize 30th anniversary of the National Voter Registration Act

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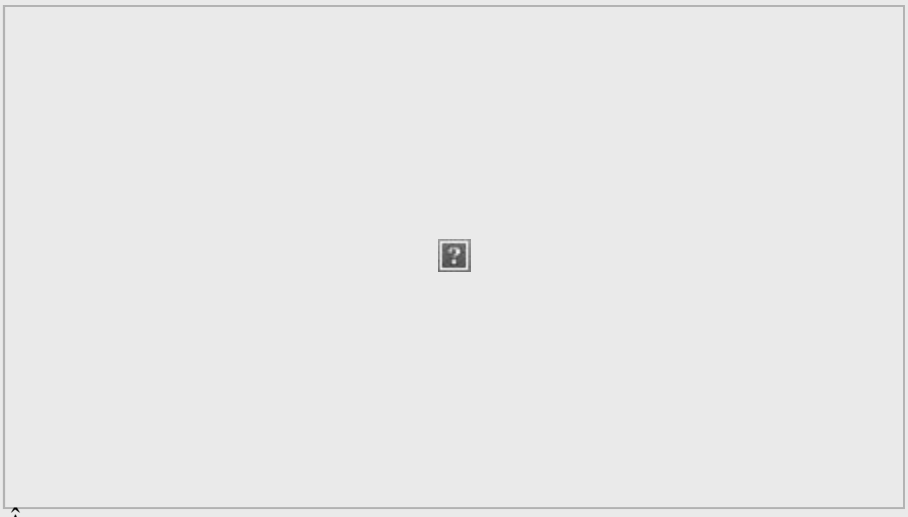

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May 20 marked the 30th anniversary of the signing of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), which revolutionized the voter registration process for Americans. To mark this occasion, the EAC Commissioners released a joint statement on the landmark legislation.

Read the full statement.

The EAC recognizes Military Appreciation Month

NEW BLOG: BEST PRACTICES FOR SUPPORTING MILITARY AND UOCAVA VOTERS

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(At the EAC Public Meeting in April, Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections in Okaloosa County; and Casandra Hockenberry, Program Manager of the Council of State Governments (CSG) discussed how election officials can better serve UOCAVA voters.)

Over 1.2 million ballots were transmitted to military and overseas voters in 2020, with more than 900,000 returned and submitted for counting. To help election officials better support military and UOCAVA voters, the EAC **published a new blog** with best practices for these voters. Topics include ensuring access to election office websites and using standardized addresses when mailing ballots overseas.

These tips were highlighted by federal partners and state and local election officials during the **EACâ s recent public meeting** on the subject.

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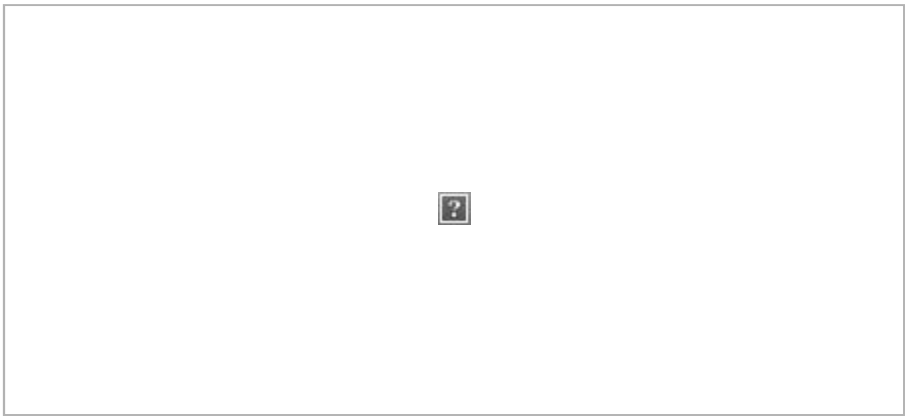
Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program



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Election offices across the country offer â Vote in Honor of a Veteranâ programs to pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of veterans in their communities. Through this program, individuals can engage in the voting process, while showing their appreciation to the veterans who have protected their ability to do so.

To bring additional awareness to this program, EAC Commissioner Donald Palmer spoke with Michael Ross, Iowa Deputy Secretary of State and Chief of Staff; Jenni Scutchfield, Kentucky Assistant Secretary of State; and Heather Hardy, Program Officer of the Elections Division, Nevada Secretary of State.Â

The panelists discussed how they have implemented and promoted the â Vote in Honor of a Veteranâ program in their states, how they work with the military, and their advice for people looking to start this program in their communities.

Read the blog and watch the interview.

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Serving Military and UOCAVA Voters Public Meeting Recap

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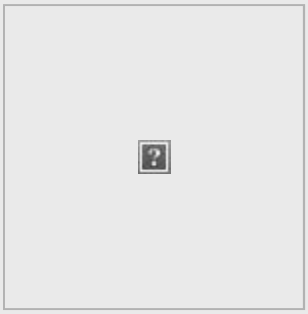

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Serving military and UOCAVA voters is a critical part of elections administration that makes certain every eligible citizen has the ability to vote. These voters often need special support and extra planning time to mitigate the obstacles and complexities involved with voting abroad. In April, the EAC held a public meeting to address the issues involved with serving these voters.

The first panel discussed how federal organizations serve UOCAVA voters, the work they do with election officials, and the systems in place for the upcoming 2024 elections. The second panel discussed the

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challenges faced in serving UOCAVA voters and ideas for how to improve the registration, ballot request and return processes.

The meeting included a presentation on new EAC resources for serving UOCAVA voters. These include:

- **Pocket Guide for Serving Military and Overseas Voters**
- **Fact sheet** for election officials on UOCAVA and federal resources, responsibilities, general considerations for residency, and information on federally prescribed forms.
- An **interactive map** showing how state policies differ for various aspects of UOCAVA voting.

These resources can also be found at **eac.gov/uocava**.
The live stream recording of this public meeting is also available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel.**

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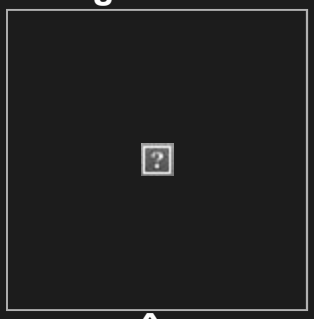
The Local Leadership Council (LLC) 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on July 20-21



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The EACâ s **Local Leadership Council (LLC)** will hold its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 20-21 in Washington, DC. The public meeting will include discussions on topics such as training and workforce development, making the Local Leadership Council an effective advisory board, and looking ahead to 2024. Throughout the meeting, there will be opportunities for members to ask questions. Additionally, the Board will vote to elect members to executive officer positions.

More information on this meeting will be available on the **event page**.

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Attend the EACâ s Data Summit â July 19

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NCSL Spring Webinar Series

The Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) will be released later this month. Make sure you don't miss this important report on voting in the United States. When available, the 2022 report, along with all other previous EAVS reports, can be found here.

The 2023 Data Summit will include a review of significant EAVS findings, as well as a discussion on how the EAVS can be utilized by election officials, academics, and other stakeholders to improve elections.

The Data Summit will be held at the EAC offices and live streamed on the EAC's YouTube page. More information will be available on the EAC's website leading up to the event. Â

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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

New EAC Resources for Election Officials!

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Supporting Military and UOCAVA Voter Public Meeting Recap

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Commissioner Palmer Testimony on Promoting Voter Confidence

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National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Webinar Series

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NEW EAC RESOURCES ALERT!

How to Work with State Legislators: A Guide for Local Election Officials

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As each state's election experts, local election officials can be instrumental in crafting effective, administrable election legislation. This brief guide from the EAC and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) outlines five key principles to empower local election officials to embrace an educational mindset and engage with legislators and the legislative process.

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Alternative Voting Methods in the United States

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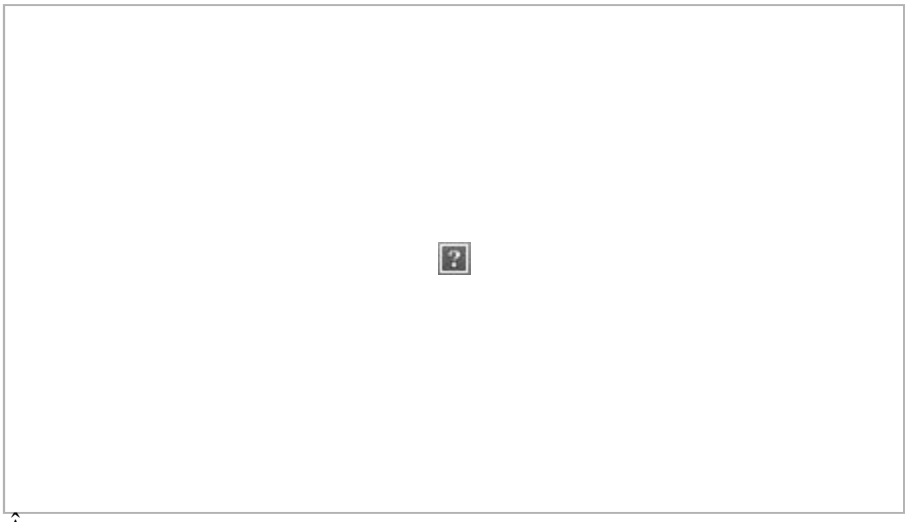

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This new EAC resource provides information on the use of alternative voting methods across the country, including the different methods that are currently being considered or used, the ways that alternative voting methods may be adopted, special uses for alternative voting methods, administrative considerations, and case studies of jurisdictions that have conducted elections using alternative voting methods.

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What You Need to Know About Census Data

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Every 10 years, the United States Census Bureau conducts a survey of the entire American population, gathering the total number of residents and detailed information about a representative sample. By doing this, the United States Census offers a wealth of data on the demographics of our country. This includes data on election behaviors and data that is used in election processes. In this blog post, the EAC takes a closer look at what the census is, its purpose, and how it impacts American elections.

EAC Holds Public Meeting on Supporting Military Voters

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(Panel participants: Acting Director J. Scott Wiedmann, Charles Martin, Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell, Supervisor Paul Lux, and Casandra Hockenberry)

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On April 26, the EAC held an in-person public meeting on supporting Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters. Military and overseas citizen voters often need special support and extra planning time when participating in the electoral process to account for the obstacles and complexities of voting abroad.Â

In the first panel, "Federal Partner Spotlight," the EAC Commissioners

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heard from J. Scott Wiedmann, Acting Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), and Charles A. Martin, Program Analyst in the Military Postal Service Agency. They discussed how their federal organizations serve UOCAVA voters, how they work with voters and election officials, and the systems in place for the upcoming 2024 elections.

In the second panel, â Best Practices for Election Offices,â the Commissioners heard from Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections in Okaloosa County; and Casandra Hockenberry, Program Manager of the Council of State Governments (CSG). Panelists discussed the UOCAVA demographics of their jurisdictions, the challenges they have faced in serving UOCAVA voters, and how they have overcome those challenges to improve the registration, ballot request and return processes. Ms. Hockenberry also spoke about CSGâ s Overseas Voting Initiative and what they have learned from working with a coalition of election officials, as well as the research being done to inform election officials on this topic.

The meeting included a presentation on new EAC resources for serving UOCAVA voters from Ben Jackson, a Senior Election Subject Matter Expert at the EAC. These resources include:

- A **Pocket Guide for Serving Military and Overseas Voters**;
- A **fact sheet for election officials on UOCAVA** and federal resources, their responsibilities as election officials, general considerations for residency, and information on federally prescribed forms;
- An interactive map showing differing state policies for residency requirements, FPCA electronic return availability, ability to use the FWAB to register to vote, and availability of electronic ballot return. This map can be found at **eac.gov/uocava**.

If you missed it, the live stream recording of the public meeting is available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.

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Thank You, Standards Board and Board of Advisors Members

The EACâ s Standards Board and Board of Advisors each held their

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annual meetings in April. At the meetings, the board members discussed the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0, the EACâ s new Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP), updates on existing and new EAC programs, and election official security. The agendas are available at **eac.gov/events**, and transcripts will be available soon.

The EAC would like to thank all the members for their valuable feedback, as well as the many panelists for their presentations on important topics for the EAC and the election community.

The EACâ s Local Leadership Council will be holding its annual meeting in July in Washington DC. Updates can be found at **eac.gov/events** and in the EACâ s monthly newsletter.

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(The EAC Commissioners with Phil the Ballot, the Maricopa County Elections mascot)

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(Standards Board members at their 2023 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona)

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(Board of Advisors members at their 2023 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC)

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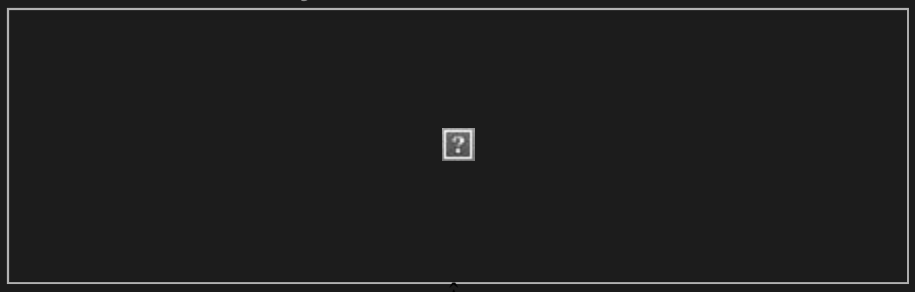
The EAC Testifies to the Committee on House Admin on Building Voter Confidence

On April 27, Commissioner Donald Palmer testified before the Committee on House Administration hearing on â American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence.â He spoke on how the EAC raises awareness about election procedures and security measures, as well as how the commission assists state and local election officials as they serve voters.

Read the full testimony here.



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NCSL Spring Webinar Series

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The EAC Commissioners are participating in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) webinar series, â **How U.S. Elections Are Run**.â

Commissioner Thomas Hicks participated in â Paying for Elections,â which covered the cost of running elections, sources of election funding, how states can spend money appropriated by Congress, and the need for additional funding. Watch the **full discussion here**.

Vice Chair Benjamin Hovland participated in â Voter Registration and Maintaining Voter Registration Lists,â which addressed how states maintain accurate voter rolls and why regular list maintenance processes â along with providing opportunities for voters to update and maintain their registration in accordance with federal and state laws â are important. **Watch it here**.

Chairwoman Christy McCormick will participate in â Ensuring Accuracy: Post-Election Auditsâ on May 12 at 3:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will cover the different types of post-election tabulation audits that states use (traditional, tiered, and risk-limiting) and the value of having such audit laws on the books. **Get more information here**.

Commissioner Donald Palmer will participate in â Voting Technology, Certification and Standardsâ on June 6 at 3 p.m. EST. This webinar will cover what the VVSG 2.0 is, why itâ s important, and what options legislators can consider for keeping their stateâ s voting technology as secure and accurate as possible. **Get more information here**.

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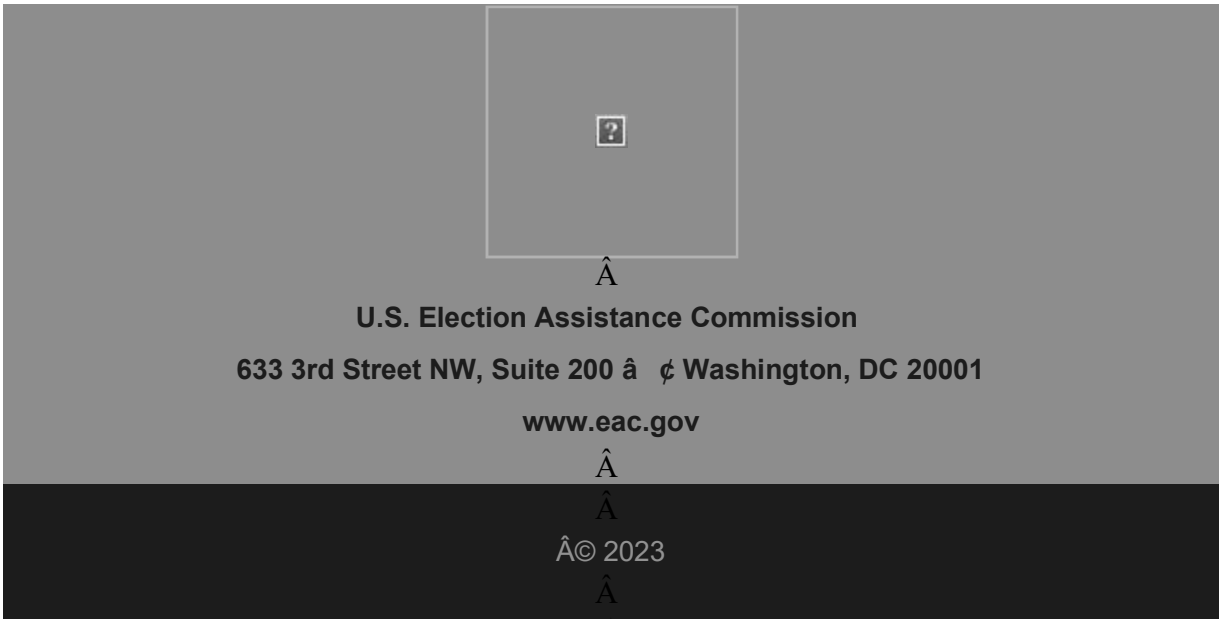

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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Â In this edition of the newsletter, we're excited to feature:

Six New EAC Resources for Election Officials!

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EAC Commissioners Ben Hovland and Donald Palmer Testify before Committee on House Administration

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List Maintenance Public Meeting Recap

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Upcoming EAC Events

- April 18-19: Standards Board Annual Meeting
- April 25-26: Board of Advisors Annual Meeting
- April 26: EAC Public Meeting "Supporting Military Votersâ

EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick Hosts Women's History Month Virtual Panel

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NEW EAC RESOURCES ALERT!
Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Deprecation

The EAC is committed to supporting election officialsâ needs with the upcoming deprecation of the **Voluntary Voting System Guidelines** (VVSG) 1.0 and 1.1.

The following resources are now available on the EACâ s website and featured on the homepage.

- **Secure Elections Toolkit** - The Secure Elections Toolkit, and its accompanying materials, are intended to assist election officials when informing candidates, policymakers, media, stakeholders, and the public of the multi-layered approach used to secure elections. This includes how to share information about election security in their jurisdictions and components of the EAC Testing and Certification program. **Download customizable social media graphics via Canva.com**.
- **EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet** â The printable EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet explains the purpose of the EACâ s national voluntary voting system certification program and what it means for voting systems to be certified by the EAC. This can be used as a reference or as a resource to share with external audiences about depreciation and the EACâ s Testing and Certification program.

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Election Management Guidelines

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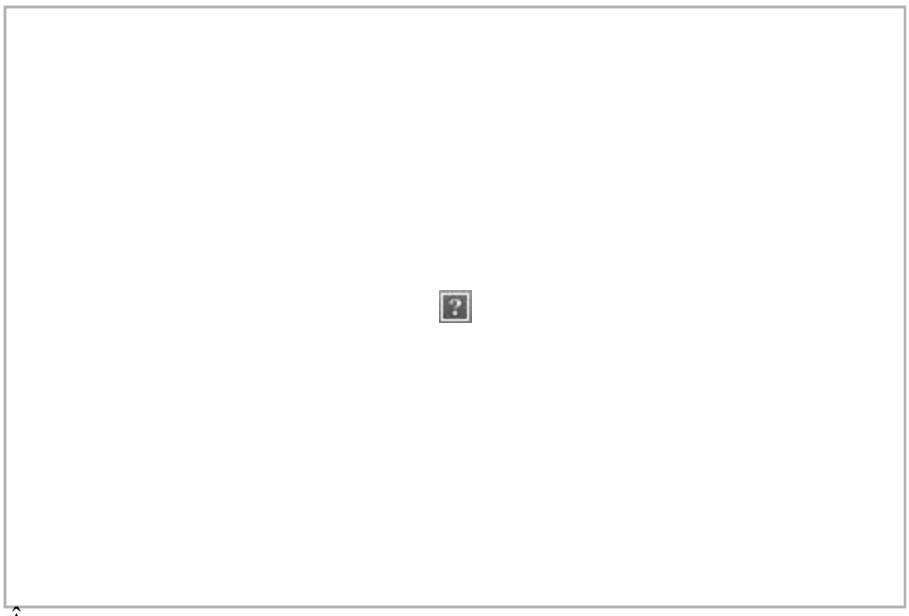

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The EAC has updated the **Election Management Guidelines** (EMG)! New and experienced election officials can use the EMG to reference election processes and best practices. From the foundations of election office administration to the final steps of certifying the ballot counts, the EMG is designed to be accessible to election officials at all levels, regardless of their jurisdiction size or resources. Each of the 19 chapters in the EMG has been vetted by local and state election officials and other stakeholders.

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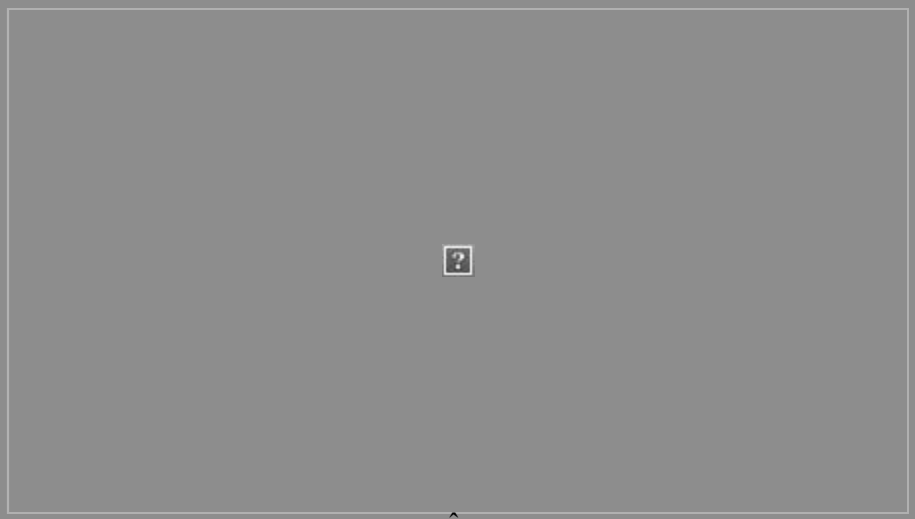
EAC Equipment Disposal Resource Checklist



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As election jurisdictions procure new election technologies, they often need to dispose of outdated election equipment. It is essential to do this

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safely and in ways that limit opportunities for malicious entities to take advantage of the situation. If election equipment falls into the wrong hands, it not only jeopardizes the security and integrity of the jurisdiction that owned the equipment, but also the security and integrity of every other election jurisdiction that uses the same or similar equipment.
The EAC has developed a **Disposal of Election Equipment resource** to support this effort. This includes best practices on:

- Chain of Custody and Inventory Control
- Voting Technology Purchased with HAVA Funds
- Disposal and Destruction of Election Equipment
- Election Equipment Disposal Checklist

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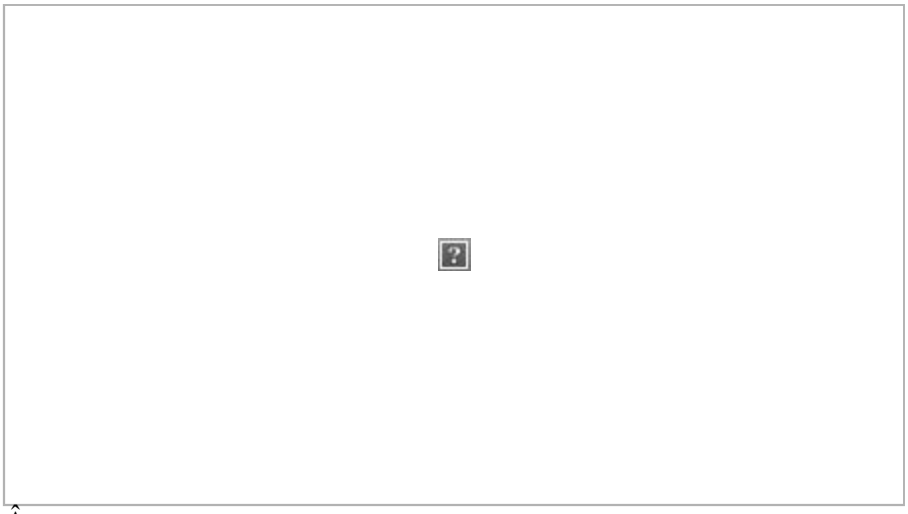
EAC and URI Polling Place Line Alleviation Simulation Video Series



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This new simulation video series is intended to help election officials develop strategies for alleviating long lines at polling places. The simulations in this series explore different strategies based on voting processes, available resources, and voter arrival patterns. Through eight video simulations, election officials will be able to visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting location.Â
Watch the simulations here.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. More information on this project and for information on the first simulation series on polling place consolidation, visit the EACâ s website.

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To provide additional context to the video series, EAC Commissioner Donald Palmer interviewed Gretchen Macht from the University of Rhode Island to discuss how election officials can use the SMILE election processes video simulations series.

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Voter Lists Webpage: Registration, Confidentiality, And Voter List Maintenance

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Keeping voter registration lists up to date is a continual process that includes adding new eligible voters, updating voter registration information when a voter moves, and removing ineligible voters. To help with this critical task, the EAC has developed a **new webpage** for election officials with best practices on:

- Voter Registration
- Voter Roll Confidentiality
- Voter List Maintenance

This webpage includes a **Best Practices Voter List Maintenance resource,** which is intended to help election officials improve the quality of voter registration data. In addition to this resource, the EAC has released a **fact sheet** and a **toolkit** to support election officials with voter list maintenance.

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Best Practices: Public Records Requests

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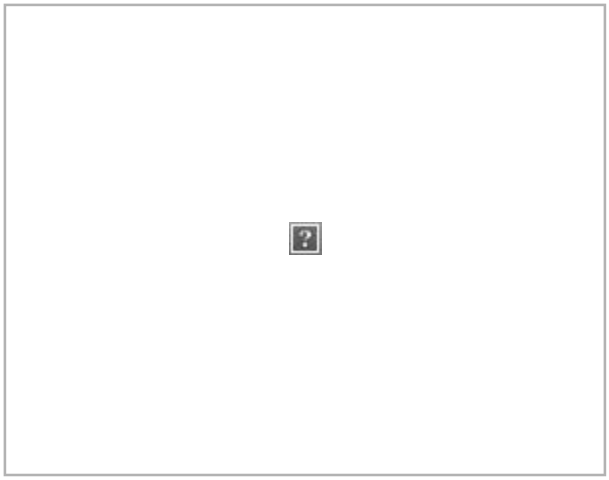

Since the 2020 election cycle, election officials have reported increased public records requests, requiring time and resources added to their official duties of administering elections.Â To help election officials navigate the high volume of these requests, the EAC has developed **Best Practices: Public Records Requests**. This document highlights innovative methods election offices have used to respond to these requests efficiently.Â

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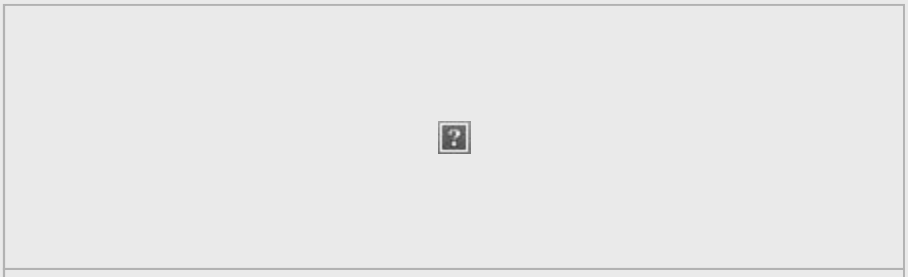

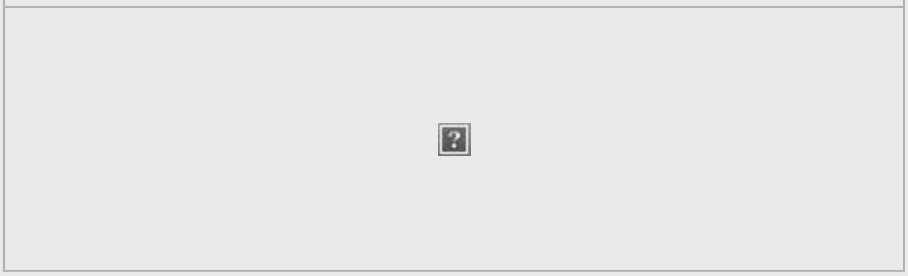

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EAC Holds Virtual Public Meeting

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on List Maintenance

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On March 15, the EAC held a virtual public meeting on official voter list accuracy and list maintenance. One of the many requirements of the **Help America Vote Act** (HAVA) is for states to create and maintain a computerized state list of registered voters that will interact with other state data sources and coordinate with voter records from all jurisdictions across the state. The panelists discussed how different jurisdictions manage voter list maintenance, the challenges they face, and best practices.

The EAC Commissioners heard from the Honorable Michael G. Adams, Kentucky Secretary of State; Monica Evans, the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Board of Elections; and Neal Kelley, the Former Registrar of Voters, Orange County, California. The Executive Director of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), Shane Hamlin, also participated in the panel.

The meeting included a presentation on a new **Best Practices Voter List Maintenance resource** from the EACâ s Sara Brady, Senior Election Subject Matter Expert.

If you missed it, the live stream recording of the public meeting is **available on the EACâ s YouTube channel**.

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Attend the Standards Board 2023 Annual Meeting on April 18-19

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The EACâ s **Standards Board** will host an in-person public meeting on April 18-19, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix in Arizona. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0, and the EACâ s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) pilot program, as well as discuss ongoing EAC programs, and address election official security and mental health concerns.Â

Â The Standards Board consists of 55 state election officials selected by their respective chiefÂ state election official and 55 local election officials selected through a process supervised by theÂ chief state election official.

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Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **meeting event page**. Please note that this meeting will not be live streamed.

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Join the Board of Advisors 2023 Annual Meeting on April 25-26

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The EACâ s **Board of Advisors** will host an in-person public meeting on April 25-26, 2023, at the Fairmont Washington, DC Georgetown. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 and the EACâ s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) pilot program, discuss ongoing EAC programs, and hear from a panel on election official security and mental health concerns. They will also hear discussions on election audits, public records requests, and the impacts of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

The Board of Advisors is a 35-member board composed of representatives from various EAC stakeholder associations, federal government agencies, and Congress.

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **meeting event page**.

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Attend the EACâ s April 26 Public Meeting on Supporting Military Voters

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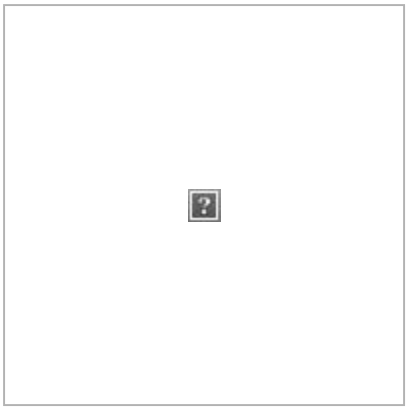

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On April 26, 2023, please join the EAC for a public discussion on serving military and UOCAVA voters starting at 1 p.m. E.T. This event will be held in the agencyâ s hearing room at 633 3rd Street NW,

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Washington, DC 20001. It will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**.

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Womenâ s History Month
2023 Virtual Panel Video and Blog Post

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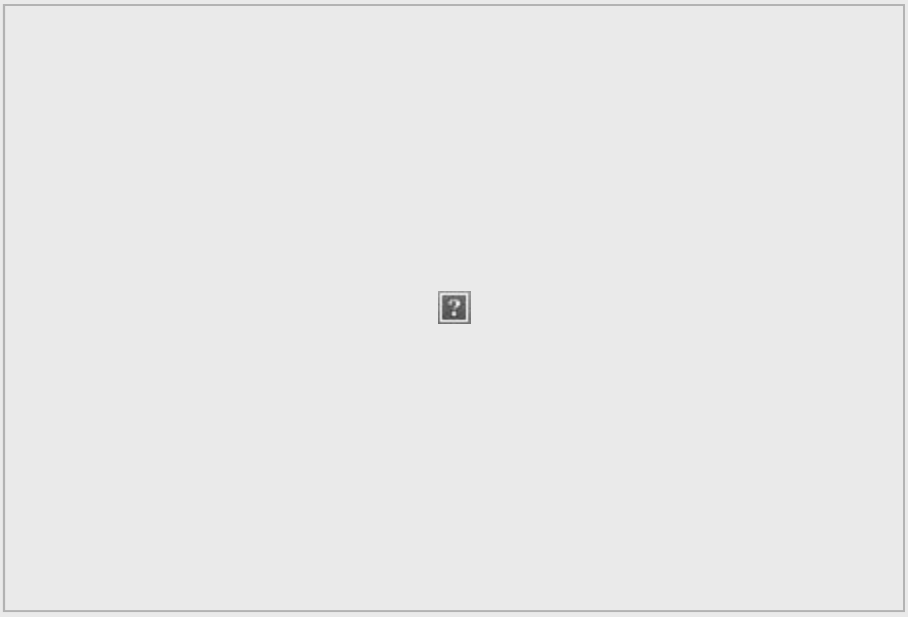

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This year, the EAC recognized Womenâ s History Month by exploring key moments that led to womenâ s suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. In a **new video**, EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick had the opportunity to talk with Donald Stanko, the Lead Park Ranger for theÂ **History of Womenâ s Rights National Historical Park**Â in Seneca Falls, New York, where the first Womenâ s Rights Convention took place, to learn more about the suffrage movement and the museum.Â Â

Chairwoman McCormick was also joined by Susan Philpott, a Park Ranger at theÂ **Belmont-Paul Womenâ s Equality National Monument**Â in Washington, D.C., a house that served as the headquarters of the National Woman's Party for over 90 years and was designated a national monument in 2016. The house also served as a hub of civic engagement that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Watch this **virtual discussion** on EACâ s YouTube channel and learn more by reading this EAC blog post: **Fighting For Womenâ s Suffrage: What Todayâ s Voters Can Learn from Civic Leaders of the Past**.

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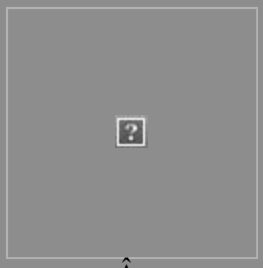

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Commissioner Christy McCormick Begins Term as EAC Chairwoman

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On February 24, Commissioner Christy McCormick began her year-long tenure as Chairwoman of the EAC; a position she has held twice before during her time at the agency. She will serve alongside Commissioner Benjamin Hovland, who also began his year-long term as Vice Chair of the agency. They both continue to serve alongside EAC Commissioners Donald Palmer and Thomas Hicks.

Chairwoman McCormick identified the following areas she would like to build on as priorities for the agency in the coming year, including:

- Producing work to support election administrators as they prepare for upcoming elections. This includes efforts to enhance election security, sharing best election practices, and supporting other key areas of election administration.
- Increasing EACâ s initiatives regarding accessibility for voters with disabilities, including increased resources and staff dedicated to accessibility.Â
- Working with election officials and stakeholders to utilize the data from the 2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) that will be released this summer.
- Providing states with guidance to invest HAVA funding into mission critical purchases such as new election equipment to replace the nationâ s aging election systems.Â

Chairwoman McCormick assumes the role in place of outgoing Chairman Thomas Hicks, whose term spanned February 2022 through February 2023. More information on the transition can be found in the **EACâ s press release**.

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EAC Commissioner Hicks Hosts Virtual Election Official Security Panel with Members of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections

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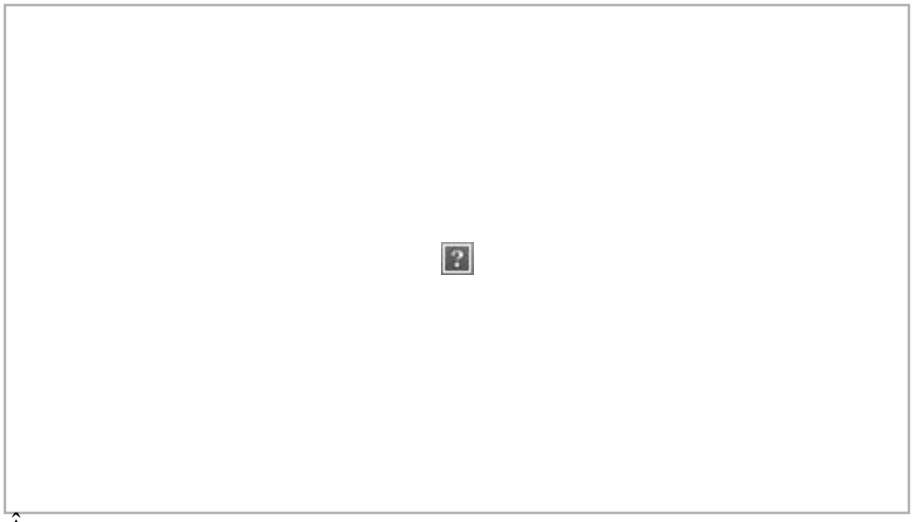

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EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks led a panel discussion on election official security with Veronica Degraffenreid, Senior Manager of Strategic Partnerships for the Brennan Center of Justice, and former Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Director of Election Operations in North Carolina; Tina Barton, Senior Election Expert for The Elections Group, and former Michigan City Clerk; and Justin Smith, a former Sheriff of Larimer County, Colorado. The participants are also members of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections (CSSE), which works to support practices and policies that protect election officials and voters from threats, intimidation, and violence. Â

The discussion focused on how threats to election officials affect their mental health and the ability to do their jobs. The panel also provided tips for election officials as they plan for upcoming elections and work to develop relationships with law enforcement. These tips, along with other CSSE resources for election administrators and law enforcement, are available in the **panel discussion video** and accompanying blog.Â
The EAC also provides **election official security resources on our website**, including best practices, mental health resources, guidance on reporting threats, and more.

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EAC Holds Public Roundtable Discussion on Poll Worker RecruitmentÂ

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On February 8, the EAC held a public roundtable discussion focused on poll worker recruitment, training, and programs. Poll worker recruitment and retention continue to be a challenge for many state and local election offices throughout the country.

The EAC Commissioners moderated two panelsâ â Election Office Innovations in Poll Worker Recruitmentâ and â External Recruitment Efforts for Poll Workers,â on best practices and innovative ways that community members and students can be engaged to fill these roles. Panelists included representatives from the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), Vet the Vote, Suffolk University, as well as local elections offices including Minneapolis, MN; Escambia County, FL; James City County, VA; and Duval County, FL.

If you missed this roundtable discussion, it is available to watch on the **EACâ s YouTube Channel**.

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Feb. 21: Local Leadership Council Bylaws Meeting RecapÂ

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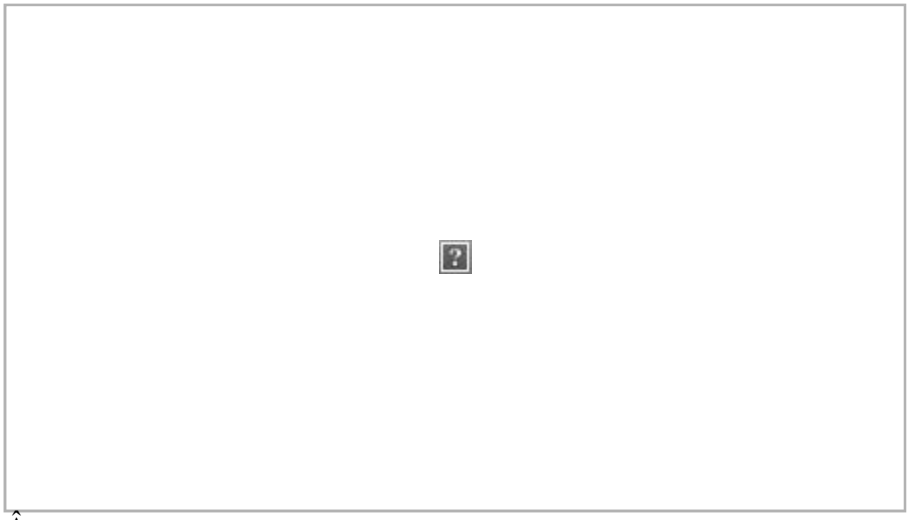

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On February 21, the EACâ s Local Leadership Council (LLC) approved the committeeâ s initial Bylaws during its virtual meeting. The **LLC Bylaws** establish the guidelines for the conduct of council members, meetings, and subcommittees. The Bylaws also address topics such as the process for calling and conducting meetings, the establishment of committees, the structure of the Executive Committee, the makeup of Regional Committees, and the process of holding elections.Â

LLC members provide recommendations and feedback to the EAC on a range of subjects including voter registration, voting system user practices, ballot administration (programming, printing, and logistics), processing, accounting, canvassing, chain of custody, certifying results, and auditing.

The EAC appoints two members from each state to the 100-member LLC after soliciting nominations from each stateâ s election official professional association.

A recording of the February 21 LLC meeting, which also include discussions on the committeeâ s organizational structure and the logistics of future LLC annual meetings, can be found on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.Â

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EAC Partners with Federal Election Commission on Panel for Black History

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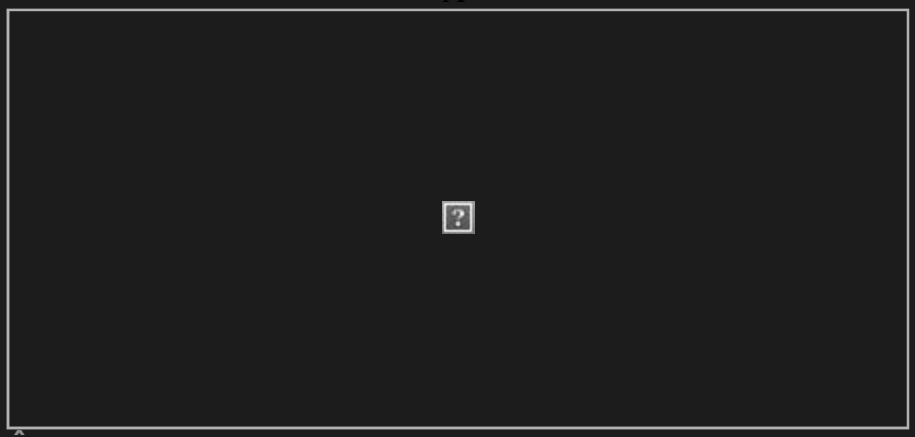

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On February 21, EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks joined Federal Election Commission (FEC) Commissioner Shana Broussard in moderating the FECâ s panel, â On Account of Race, Color, or Precious Condition of Servitude: Black History and Democracyâ s Future.â Professors from George Washington University Law School and Rutgers Law School participated in the conversation with a former Commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The panel discussed topics including multiracial democracy, candidate pool diversity, barriers to casting a vote, and more.

Watch the event recording on the **FECâ s website**.

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Attend the EACâ s Public Meeting about Official Voter List Accuracy and List Maintenance on March 15, 2023

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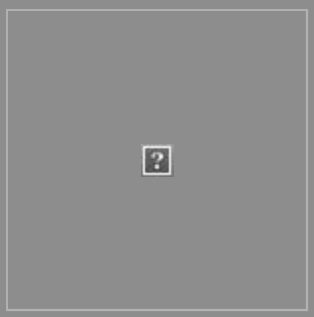

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On March 15, join the EAC for a public meeting in the agencyâ s

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hearing room at 1 p.m. E.T. This discussion will focus on how different jurisdictions manage voter list maintenance, the challenges they face, and best practices. This event will be held in person at 633 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, and will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube channel.**

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **eventâ s webpage**. Registration for virtual attendance is not required.

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Clearies Update: Winners to be Announced this Spring

The deadline to submit entries for the **2022 Clearinghouse Awards**, also known as â Clearies,â has passed. The EAC received about 100 submissions total! Thank you to everyone who took the time to apply. Judges from the EACâ s advisory boards will be reviewing all the innovative and creative submissions, and winners will be announced this spring. Information on winners and their best practices will be available at **www.eac.gov/clearies**.

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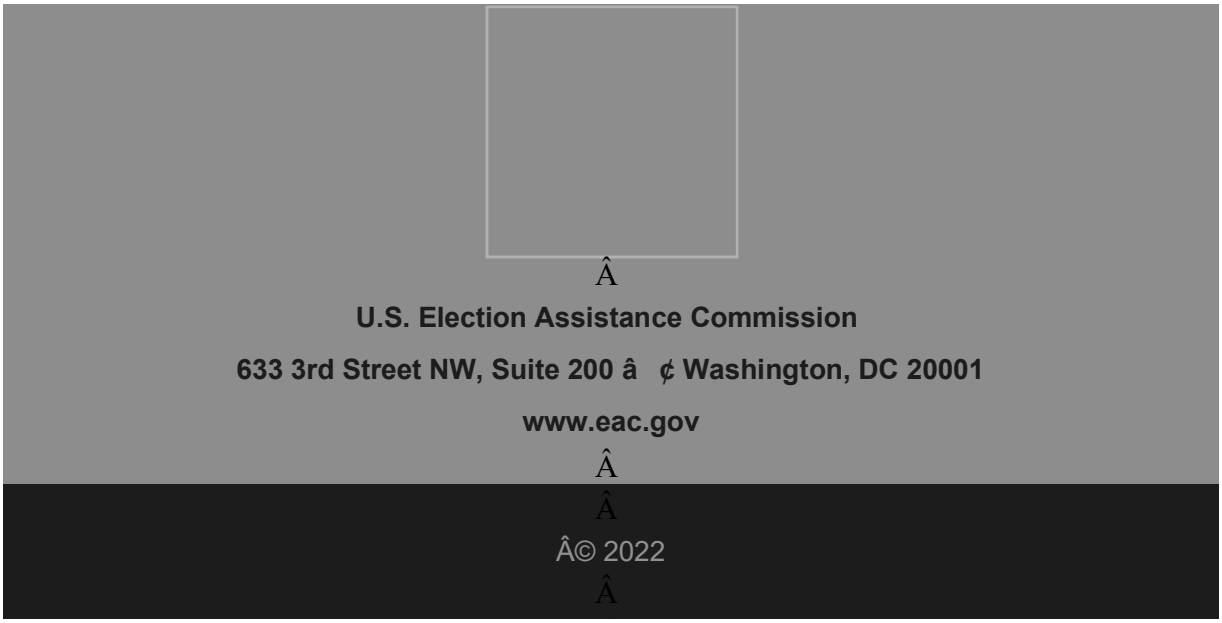

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In this monthâ s EAC newsletter, weâ re excited to feature:

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New customizable social media graphics to recruit poll workers in the new year

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Two VSTLs that are now ready to test voting systems to the VVSG 2.0

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Upcoming EAC Events:
- Jan. 26: Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) Annual Meeting
- Feb. 8: EAC Public Hearing

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2022 EAVS Submissions: Due Feb. 1

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Clearinghouse Awards (Clearies) Submission Period: Opens on Jan. 17

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â **Strengthening Election Official State Associationsâ Virtual Panel**

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Thank you for your work in 2022!

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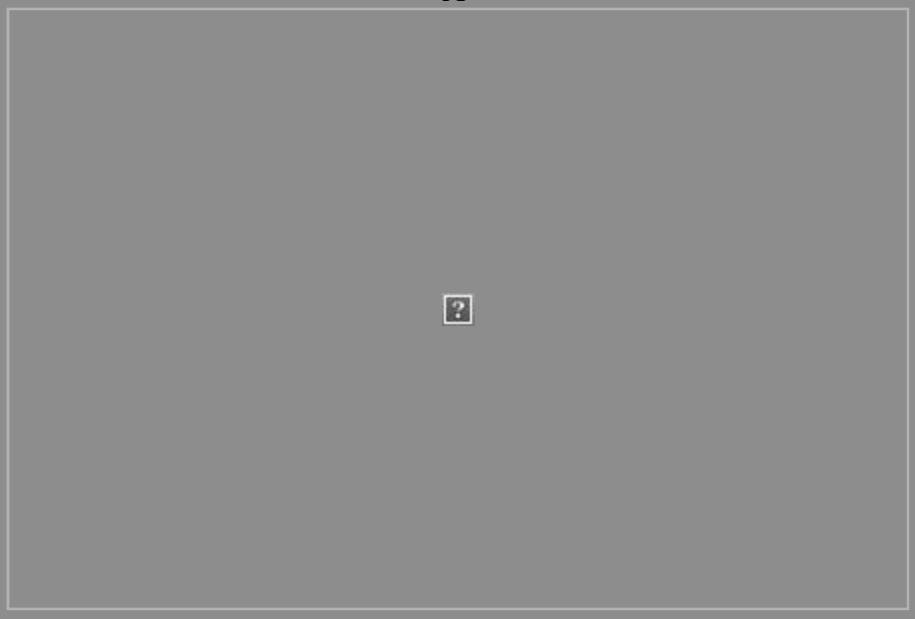

The Commissioners and EAC staff would like to thank election officials, their staff, and the poll workers for another successful election season.

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Looking Back on 2022: Lessons Learned

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NEW ON THE EAC BLOG: One week after Election Day, the EAC held a public hearing featuring a panel reflecting on lessons learned during the 2022 midterm election. This blog post summarizes some of the insights of The Honorable Tahesha Way, New Jersey Secretary of State and president of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS); Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED); and The Election Centerâ s Executive Director Tim Mattice.Â Â

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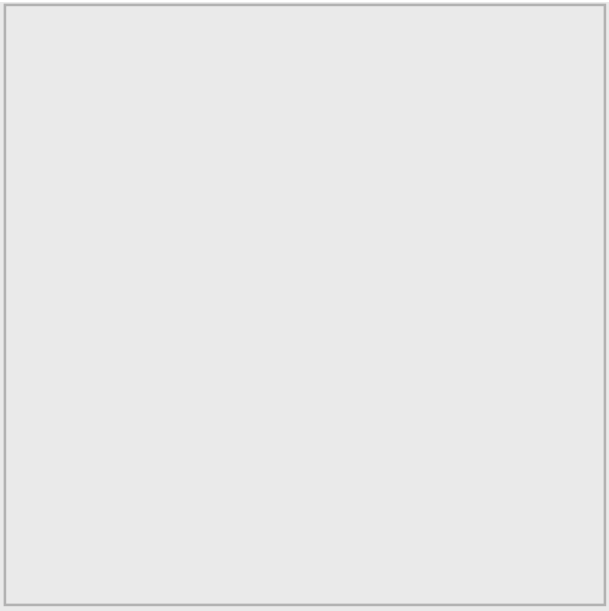

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During an overseas visit to Italy, Chairman Thomas Hicks and Commissioner Donald Palmer participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at theÂ Florence Military Cemetary. The Commissioners were traveling as part of an effort to better serve military and overseas voters.

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EAC Commissioners Accredit Second Voting System Test Laboratory to Test Voting Systems to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0

On December 21, 2022, the EACÂ Commissioners **unanimously voted to accreditÂ Pro V&V**Â as the second Voting System Test Laboratory (VSTL) able to test voting systems to theÂ **Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0**Â following**Â SLI Complianceâ sÂ** accreditation on November 15, 2022. The VVSG are a set of specifications and requirements against which voting systems can be tested to determine if the systems meet baseline standards.

Prior to this new certification, both Pro V&V and SLI Compliance successfully completed independent assessments by the EAC and the

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National Institute of Standards and Technologyâ sÂ National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. For more information onÂ VVSG 2.0, visitÂ eac.gov.

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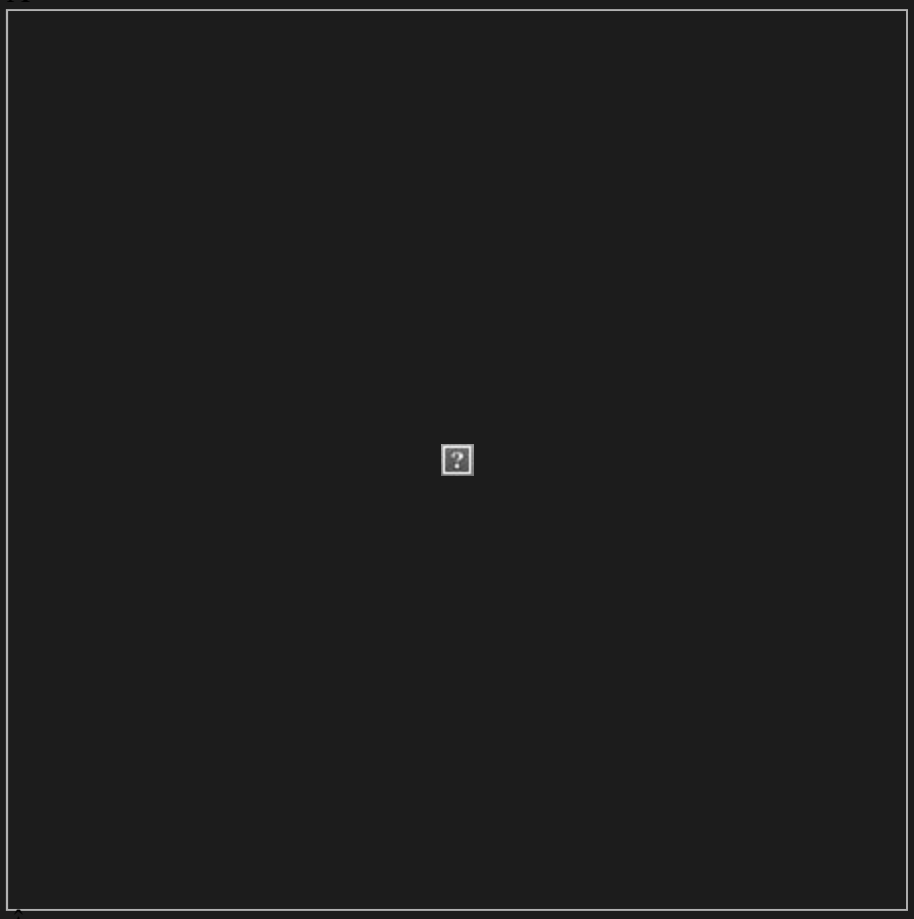

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In the New Year, Encourage Community Members to Become Poll Workers!

Throughout this new year, encourage your community members to make a resolution to become poll workers! This new EAC toolkit with graphics and templates is a great way for election officials to promote this opportunity on social media â just pair them with #HelpAmericaVote. You can also check out the Twitter template and Instagram template on Canva.comÂ for customizable options! Stay tuned for more poll worker recruitment resources in 2023.

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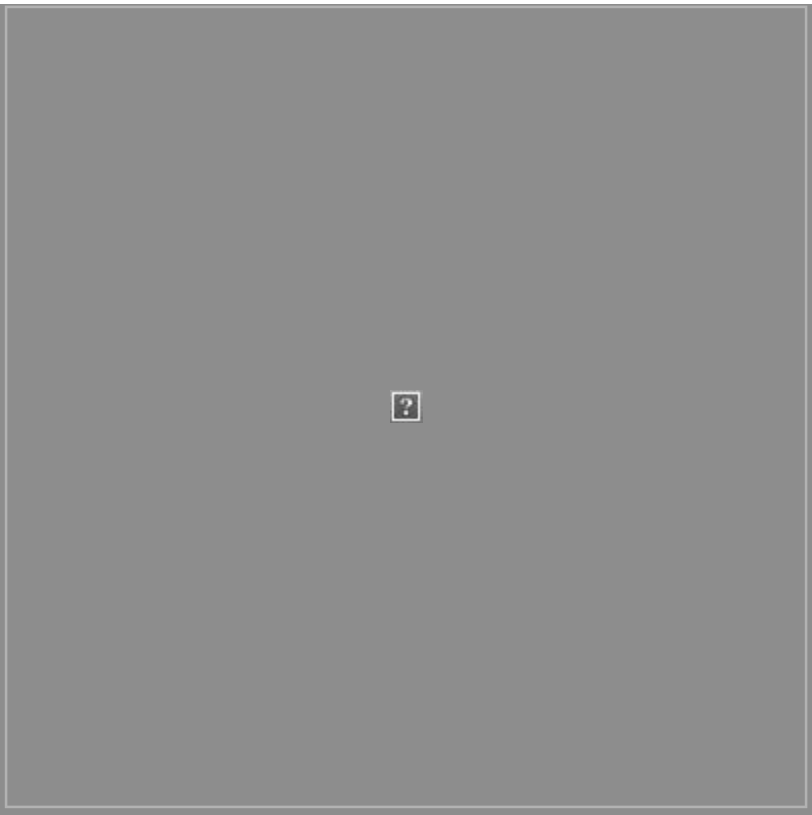

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Virtual TGDC Annual Meeting on Jan. 26, 2023

The EACâ s Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2023. This virtual meeting will be live-streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**. Registration is not required.Â

Learn more on the **TGDC meeting event page**, which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.

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EAC Public Hearing on Feb. 8, 2023

On February 8, 2023, the EAC will hold a public hearing in person at 633 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. During this meeting, the Commissioners will consider the renewal of the four FACA Board charters, including the **Local Leadership Council (LLC)**, the **Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)**, the **Standards Board**, and the **Board of Advisors**.

If you plan to attend in person,Â **register here**.Â

This meeting will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**. More information can be found on the **public hearingâ s event page** as it becomes available.

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REMINDER: 2022 EAVS Submission Deadline is Right Around the Corner

The deadline for the first Election Administration Voting Survey (EAVS) data submission is **February 1, 2023**. Contributing to the EAVS helps provide the nationâ s most comprehensive information related to election administration, registration, and voting, and includes national, state, and county-level data. This includes:

- Voter Registration
- Uniformed and Overseas Voters
- Early, Absentee, and Provisional Voting
- Voting Equipment Usage
- Poll Workers, Polling Places, and Precincts

EAC staff are available to assist election officials. **Please email research@eac.gov or call the EAVS helpdesk phone number: 800-889-7738.**

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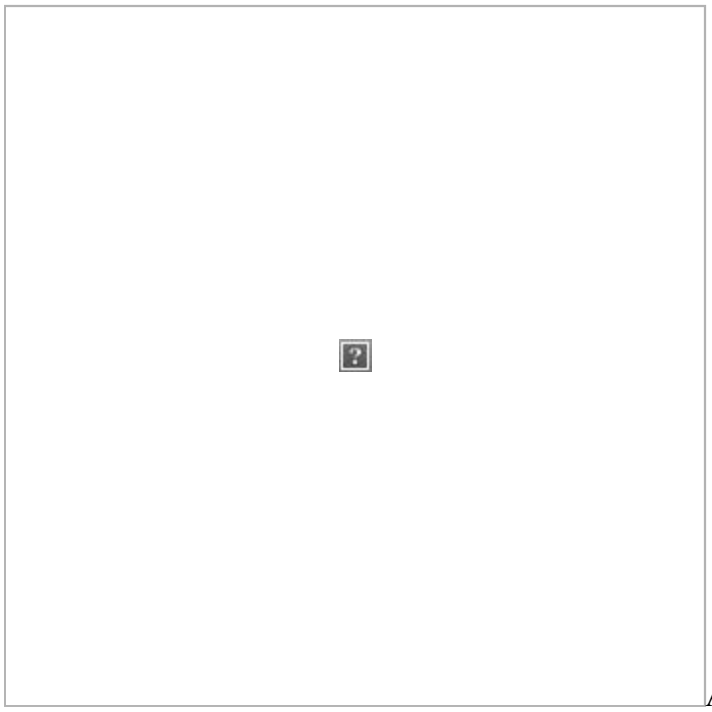

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Itâ s Clearinghouse Awards Time!

The submission period for the **2022 National Clearinghouse Awards competition, also known as the Clearies,** will open on January 17 and run through February 28. With six previous years of strong submissions,

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this program celebrates the leadership, hard work, and enterprising spirit of election officials across the U.S.

The award provides the opportunity to recognize the spirit and dedication of the outstanding public servants throughout the 2022 primaries and general election, and jurisdictions of all sizes are encouraged to submit their work. The entries will be judged based on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results. Examples from the 2021 Award winners can be found **here**.

Please send any questions you may have to **clearinghouse@eac.gov**, and stay tuned to the **EACâ s website** and social media for details on how to submit your own innovative programs.

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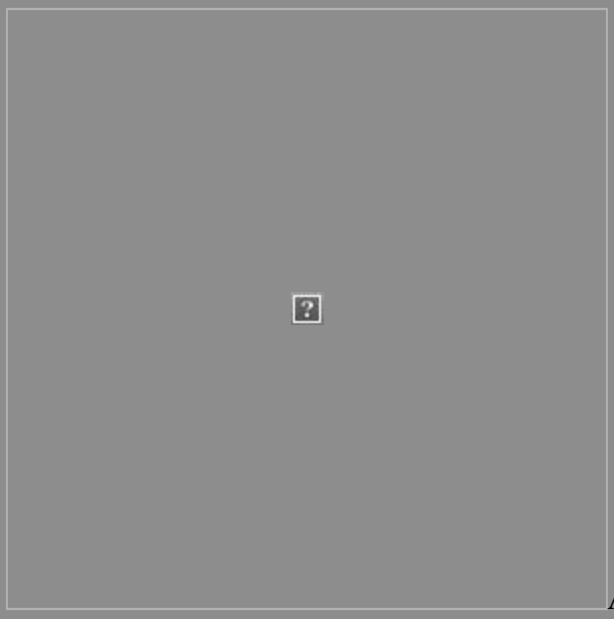

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Watch the EACâ s â Strengthening Election Official State Associationsâ Virtual Panel On-Demand

EAC Commissioner Ben Hovland recently moderated a virtual panel discussion on how strengthening state associations has helped to support local election officials. He was joined by Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director of the **Ohio Association of Election Officials**, Kathyrne Harper, Executive Director of the **Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities**, and Matt Crane, Executive Director of the **Colorado County Clerks Association**.

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The panelists stressed that state election associations have been vital to supporting local election officials through relationship-building and mentorship efforts, especially as these positions have become more challenging with the evolution of technology and the increase in mis- and dis-information.

As state associations have become more professionalized, often with the hiring of former election officials as staff, the panelists highlighted the importance of passing on the knowledge and experiences of those who have been in the field for decades. They agreed that developing these relationships is key to creating the best work environment and retaining local staff when turnover rates in election administration are high.Â

Watch **this on-demand video** on the EACâ s YouTube channel to hear their insights and read **this blog post** that summarizes their discussion to learn more.Â

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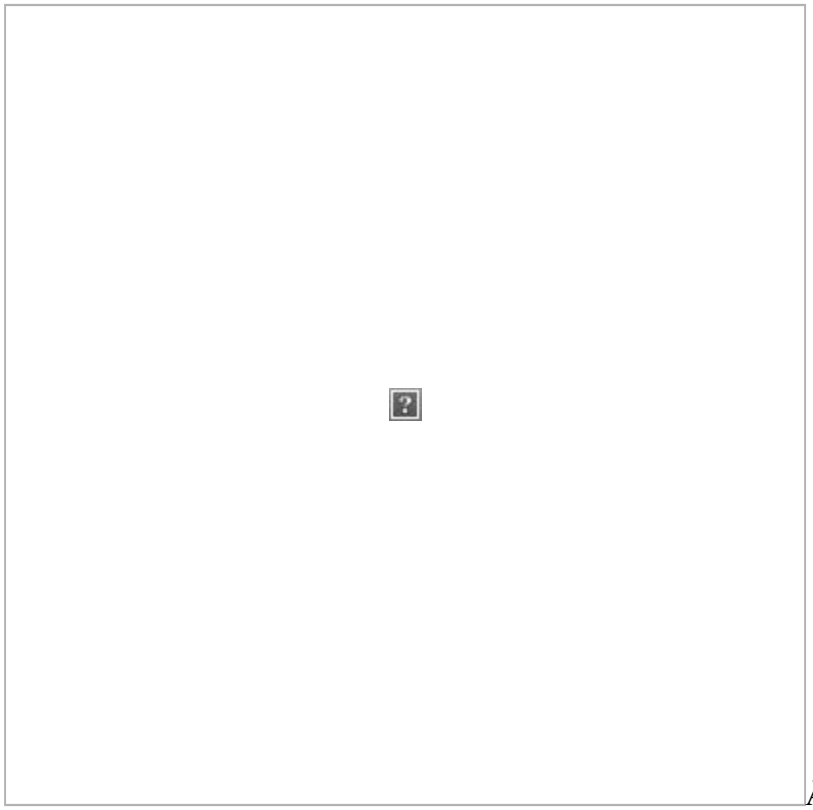

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E2E Workshop Recap

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Last fall, the EAC and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) held a **virtual workshop** on protocols used in end-to-end (E2E) cryptographically verifiable voting systems for conformance to the recently revised Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, Version 2.0. The goal of the workshop was to discuss the plan and further develop the protocol requirements and evaluation criteria.

Topics covered during the workshop included:

- A keynote presentation on E2E in voting systems
- Four discussion-based panels covering:
    - Integrity and Voter Confidence
    - Voting System Security
    - Accessibility and Human Factor Considerations
    - Implementation of E2E in Voting Systems/Testings

The recording of the event is available here.

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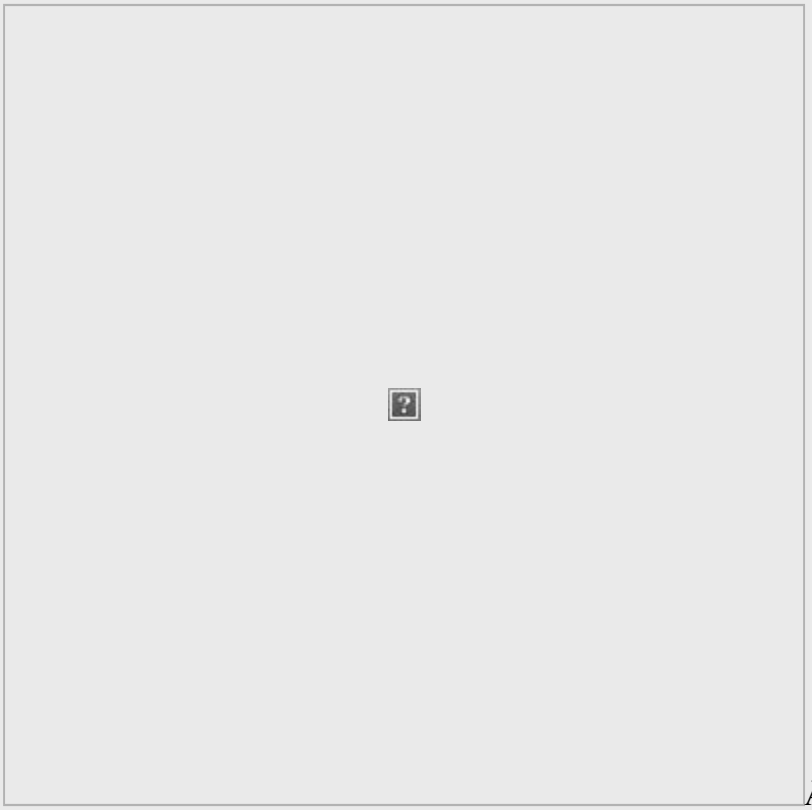

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Local Leadership Council Held Virtual Meeting

On December 14, the EACâ s **Local Leadership Council (LLC)**Â held a virtual meeting to consider the Bylaws of the Board and discuss

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other regular business. During the meeting, EAC Vice Chair and Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Christy McCormick thanked members, who are also local election officials, for their hard work during the election season and introduced Commissioner Ben Hovland as the committeeâ s incoming DFO. The scheduled vote on the LLC Bylaws was postponed due to a lack of quorum.Â A recording of the meeting is available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel** and information on the next LLC meeting to consider the Bylaws will be posted on the **EACâ s website**

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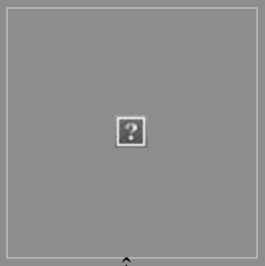

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Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ ¯here:â ¯â ¯https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call

Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair

Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023

Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

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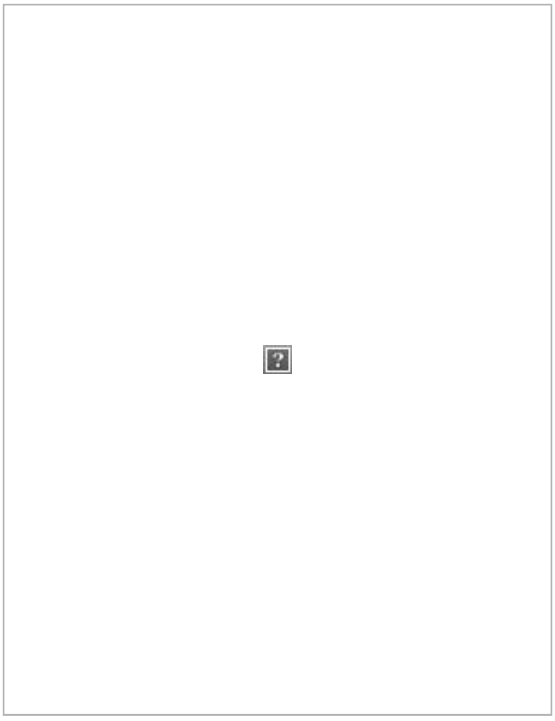

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Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:13 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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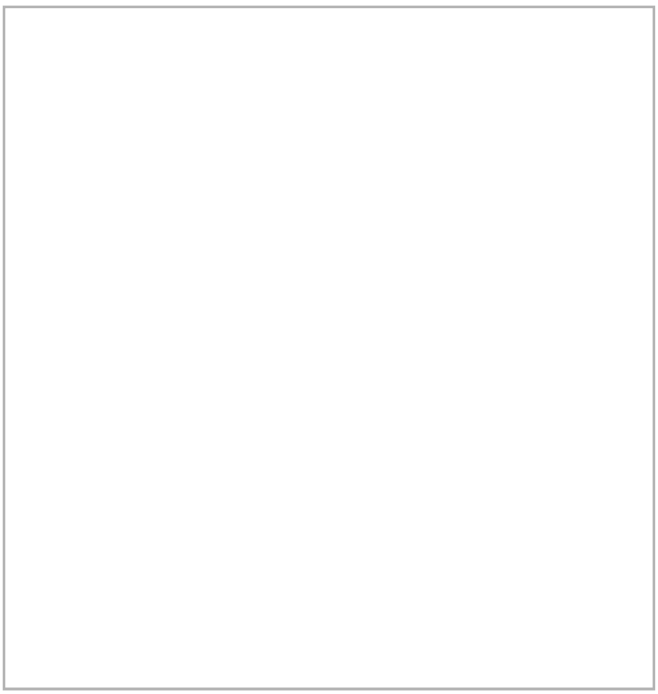

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: “Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

Come hear top Postal Service Leaders and Election Officials discuss topics such as:

- Securing and Ensuring the Integrity of Election Mail
- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
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See attachment for more information.

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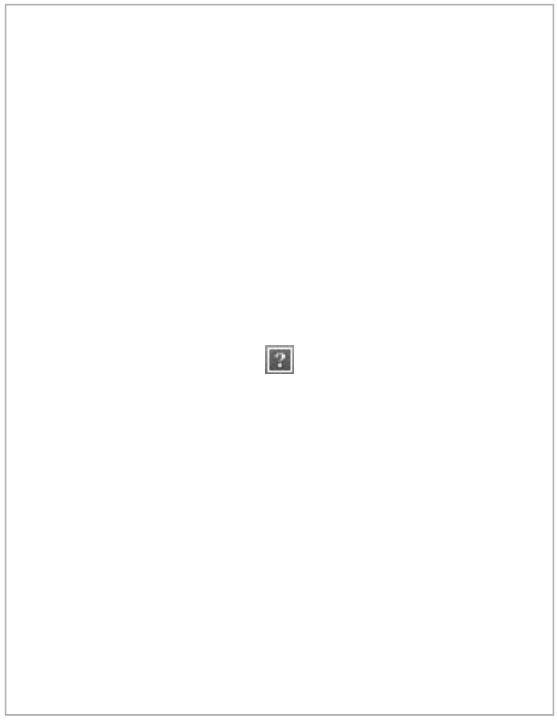

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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
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Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:45 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:45:22 AM
Attachments: invite.ics

EAC Voter List Maintenance Pilot Study

sarah.griffin2@wyo.gov has accepted this invitation.

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From: Lisa B. Nelson
To: secofstate@wyo.gov
Subject: January CEO Update
Date: Monday, January 01, 2024 8:07:26 AM

Dear Chuck,

What a day, what a month, what a year!

Celebrating 50 years of trusted policy solutions as we pulled out all the stops to make sure we visited all 50 states before 2023 came to a close, spreading the word of limited government, free markets and federalism. Stronger than ever, with more than 1,000 new legislators joining ALEC in 2023, we hold tight to the belief that some of those over-taxing, over-regulating states will eventually see the error of their ways and move from the naughty to the nice list.

Speaking of the naughty list, I'm sure most of you watched in horror as presidents from three leading universities testified on antisemitism in front on Congress and declared that a call for genocide is acceptable depending on the context. Harvardâ s president even went as far to say calls for the genocide of Jews would fail to violate the university code unless the speech â crosses into conductâ -- as in actually committing genocide!

Now I know it's been a few years since some of us have walked the halls of our respective universities, but during my days at Berkeley, you could get called in front of the disciplinary board for a lot less than wiping out an entire race of people.

Since then, one of those three presidents have resigned. The other two, including Harvard President Gay, are standing strong with the support of their boards. This makes me question their motives, their beliefs, and the moral fiber of those

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universities for standing behind a leader who would leave at risk the students they are charged to protect.

You might remember how several states have adopted **our model resolution** to affirm state support for Israel, encourage other US states to adopt similar resolutions, and condemn Hamasâ October attack. Oklahoma is poised to become the next state to adopt the resolution in the upcoming legislative session, with ALEC Board Member and State Chair Sen. Julie Daniels and ALEC State Chair Rep. Mark Lepak leading the way in the Sooner State. Our model resolution is one of **ALECâ s Essential Policy Solutions for 2024**.

There are, of course, happier memories from 2023. With almost 1,600 people at our Annual Meeting in Orlando featuring Gov. Ron DeSantis and nearly another 1,000 in Scottsdale for our States and Nation Policy Summit with former Governor Doug Ducey and a message from U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, ALEC has experienced a level of growth and excitement that was impossible to predict. For those who missed out, you can catch up on our YouTube Channel **here**.

It was also a banner year for new ALEC resources. We launched the 16th edition of ALECâ s **Rich States, Poor States** at the Utah State Capitol in April. We also published the first edition of **The ALEC Index of State Education Freedom**, the 3rd edition of our **Energy Affordability Report**, our **American City CountyExchangeâ s (ACCE) Balancing State & Local Power**, and **more**.

We held 15 legislator academies â from Colorado to California, Wyoming to Tennessee, New York to Arkansas, and beyond â where we shared our trusted **policy ideas** on economic opportunity, energy affordability, protecting states from CCP influence, and more.

In October, members, supporters (including sitting members of the U.S. House & Senate), and ALEC alumni gathered to celebrate our 50th anniversary at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. Emceed by nationally syndicated radio host Hugh Hewitt and headlined by Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears, we paid homage to our founders, recognized our **accomplishments**, and honored the best and brightest of our young leaders from across the nation, who were named to our 50 Under 50 list.

Throughout the year, ALEC was guided by our National Chair, Florida Speaker-Designate Danny Perez. An incredible talent and rising star, we anticipate bigger and better things for our friend down in Miami and thank him for his leadership. Taking the lead for ALEC in 2024 is Kansas Senate President Ty Masterson. A long-time board member and legislative technician, Ty's primary goal is to assume on the responsibilities of his chairmanship with the same attack and effectiveness as **Danny Perez**.

We're going to need Ty's help. And we're going to need your help too. Though we may have accomplished a great deal in 2023, there is still a great deal left to be done. We need to empower parents with more education freedom for their children, keep our communities safe, and expand economic opportunity for job creators and everyday Americans who have given their lifeblood to this nation in the name of honor, God, and country.

If you were with us in 2023, be with us again in 2024. And if you weren't, then please, jump aboard. We're doing great things here at ALEC. Big things. Changing lives and changing dreams. It won't be easy. But, in the end, it will be well worth it.

Welcome to 2024.

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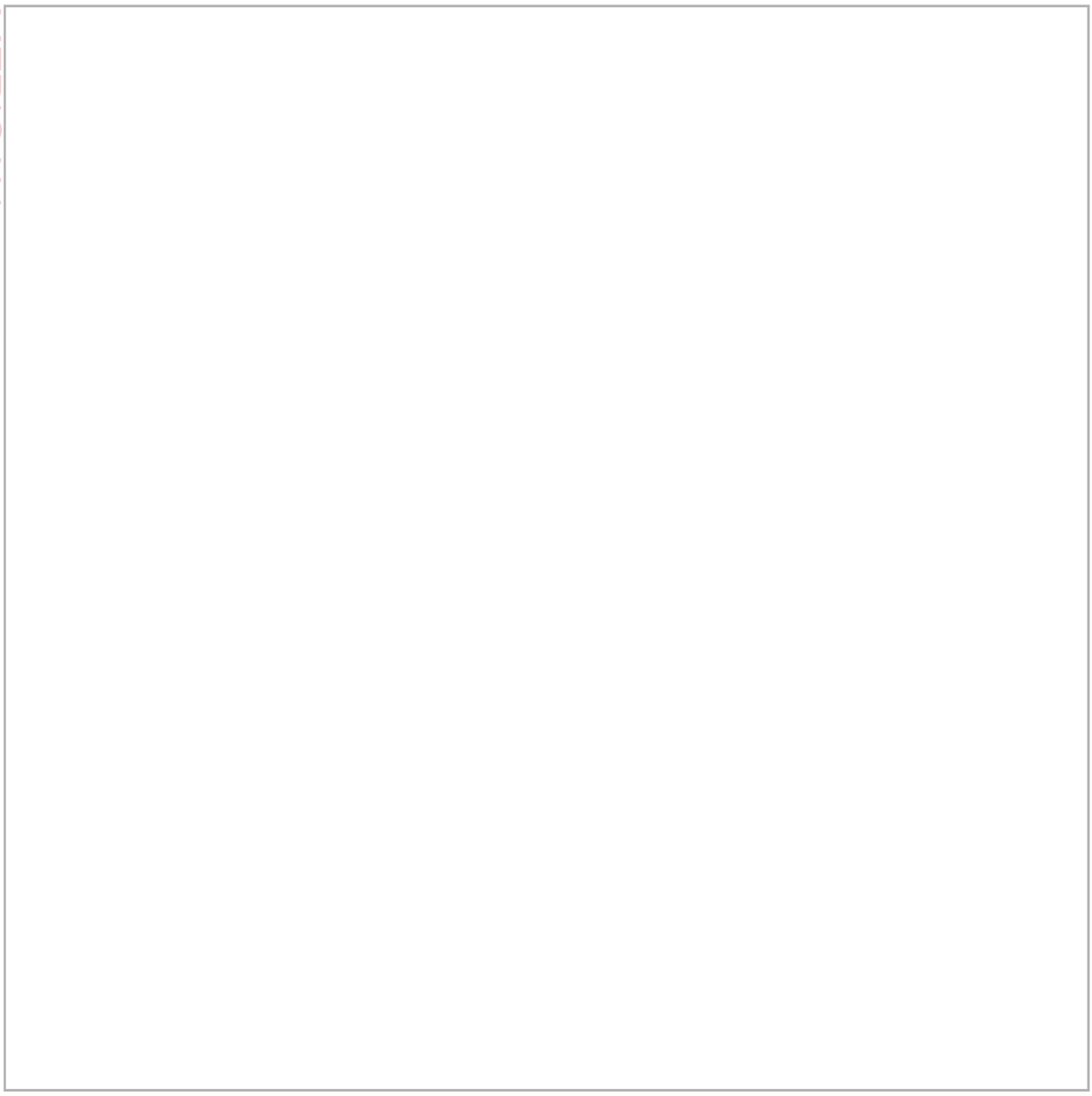

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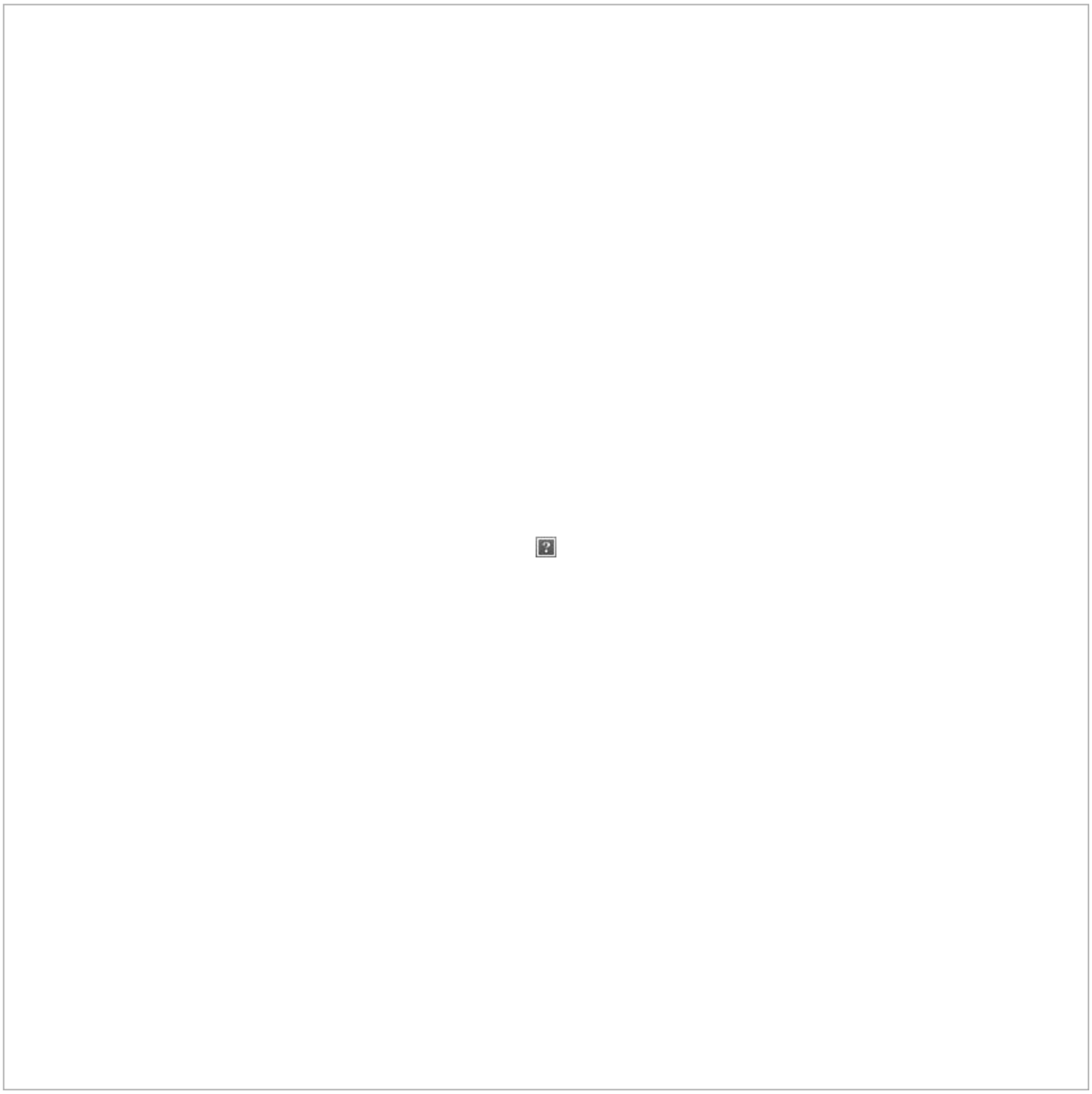
To: secofstate@wyo.gov
Subject: Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023 8:10:52 AM



Dear Chuck,

Reflecting on 50 years of trusted policy solutions in 2023 has been an incredible journey. I am sincerely grateful for the confidence you've placed in us.

Here's to many more years of shared success and meaningful connections together as we enter into 2024.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. May it be filled with prosperity, happiness and good health.

Happy Holidays,

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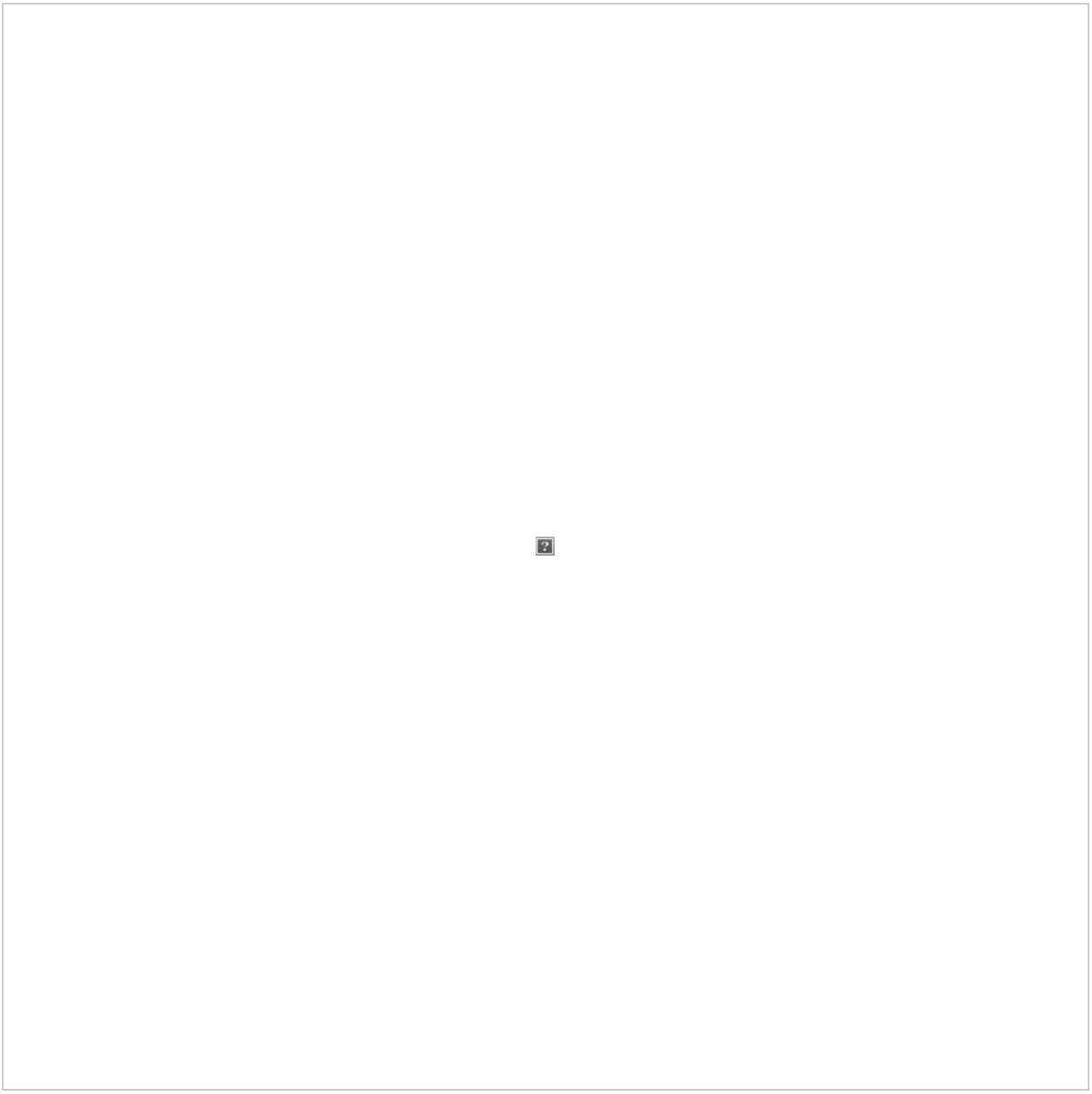

Dear Chuck,

What a great week in Arizona!

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Everyone who made it out to Scottsdale, AZ, for the 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit (SNPS) was treated to an incredible lineup of speakers and messages from the U.S. Speaker of the House, Governors, and more.

Tuesday night was a night for recognition. Thanking those who went above and beyond in 2023 as ALEC leaders handed out awards to Private Sector State Chair of the Year, **Becki Gray**, Public Sector State Chair of the Year, **Rep. Karianne Lisonbee** (UT), Volunteer of the Year **Alex Barrera**, and Legislators of the Year **Rep. Mindy McAlindon** (AR), **Sen. Paul Bettencourt** (TX), and **Sen. Amy Sinclair** (IA).

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Wednesday kicked off with a proper high desert welcome from **Doug Ducey**, the 23rd governor of Arizona. Next, we received a message from **U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson** followed by a discussion on a balanced budget amendment with former US Comptroller **General David Walker**.

Later that day, renowned economist **Dr. Arthur Laffer** presented the 2023 Laffer Award for Economic Excellence to PatientRightsAdvocate.org Founder **Cynthia Fisher** for her work in driving down medical costs through healthcare transparency. The celebration was followed by an in-depth look into the work of T.W. Lewis Foundation founder **Tom Lewis** and how philanthropic advocacy is making an impact in the corporate and academic arena. Closing the night, with rave reviews, was the **50th Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich**.

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On Thursday, as events began to wind down, there was one last hurrah as Arizona **Supreme Court Justice Clint Bolick** received the Scalia Award for Restoring the Balance of Government, **Nicole Hopkin & John Jackson awarded Lynee Fife and Connor Boyack the Gregor G. Peterson Prize** for their Childrenâ s Entrepreneur Market project, and a warning against politicized investment practices by the illustrious businessman **Andy Puzder**. This was also the day for ALECâ s 2023 **National Chairman Danny Perez** of Florida to hand off the gavel to 2024 **National Chairman Ty Masterson of Kansas**. We thank Danny for his inspiration, his leadership, and his patience in making 2023 one of the best ALEC years ever.

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This week has been a non-stop effort by leaders and legislators from both sides of the aisle to examine 40 new model policies, look into our objectives for 2024, and defend the principles that make our organization and country great - limited government, free markets, and federalism.

But November wasn't only about SNPS, we also released the **2024 Essential Policy Solutions** report, the 3rd edition of our **Energy Affordability Report**, and fast-tracked **model policy** to support Israel and condemn the baseless attacks by the Hamas terrorist group.

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So as you wrap up - or begin - your holiday shopping, please know that everyone here at ALEC is ready to support you through the New Year, 2024, and beyond. And don't forget to start making plans for Denver, July 24 - 25.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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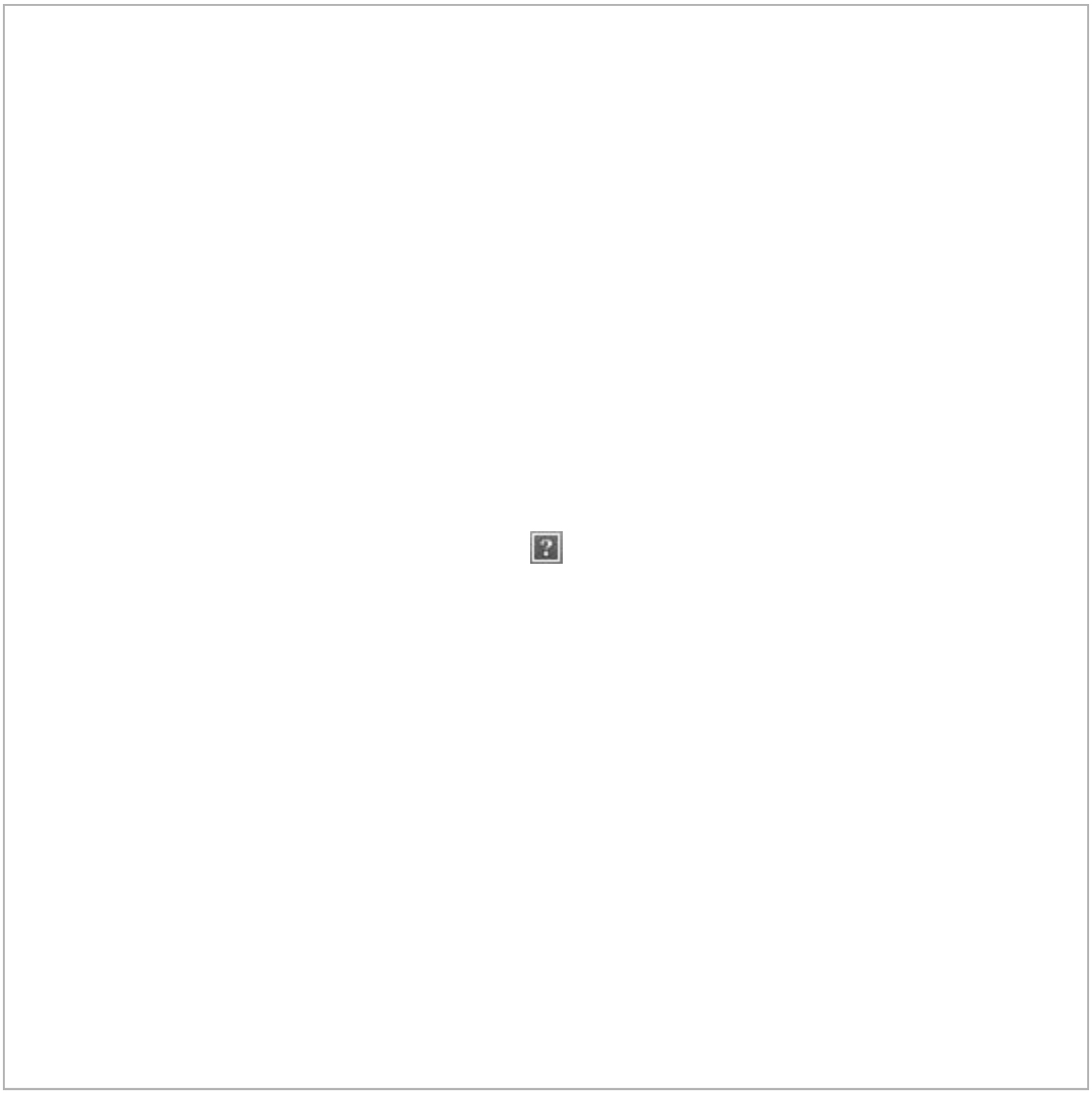

Virtual Subcommittee Information

UPDATED TIME AND DATE: Monday, November 20 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Education & Workforce Development Virtual Subcommittee

Reminder, all subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from **November 15 to November 20**. Detailed subcommittee information can be found **here**. To help keep the exchange of ideas interactive, you will be required to join these meetings via a web camera. Please note, dialing into the meeting via a phone line will not be an option for these meetings.

Workshop Highlights

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Article V: The People's Voice and State's Empowerment Tool

Join us for an enlightening workshop where legal experts will delve into the merits of a Declaratory Judgment suit against Congress, specifically addressing its negligence since 1979 in calling a Convention for an inflation-fighting Fiscal Responsibility Amendment. Additionally, this is an opportunity for state legislators to explore the vital role they play in safeguarding the nation's future and ensuring the voice of the people is heard to preserve what matters most.

End Cash Bail – And Then What?

Eliminating – cash bail – has been a major political movement over the last decade, and yet little debate has been had as to what the new system would look like. In this session, three national experts will educate state policymakers by providing a framework for understanding bail reforms and evaluating the policy impacts of various proposed pretrial reforms. The experts will explain landmark research on the federal and New York models and provide useful tips on how to avoid the pitfalls of such reforms while also reducing unnecessary pretrial incarceration.

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All 2023 States and Nation Policy Summit attendees are invite to join us to honor the 2023 Award Recipients at the 2023 States and Nation Policy Summit Jefferson Dinner & Awards Reception.

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

This month, the EAC is highlighting:

VVSG 2.0 Migration

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Help America Vote College Program Grant Application Period Opens November 16

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The New ESTEP E-Poll Book Pilot Report and Virtual Event

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The 2022 EAVS State Briefs and Interactive Data

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Video Series for Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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Attend the TGDC Annual Meeting on December 5th

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VVSG 2.0 MIGRATION REMINDERÂ

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VVSG 2.0 Migration will conclude on November 15th. **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available to help election officials communicate with the media, the public, and stakeholders. Talking points address what migration means, and how EAC-certified VVSG 1.0 systems are secure and may continue to be used based on state and local law. There are also customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.Â Â Â

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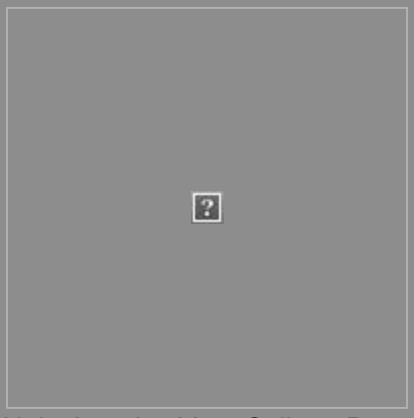
APPLY FOR THE HELP AMERICA VOTE COLLEGE PROGRAM GRANT

November 16 â December 18



Applications for the Help America Vote College Program (HAVCP) grant competition will be open from November 16 through December 18. Eligible organizations include accredited colleges (including community

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colleges) and universities, nonprofit organizations, and local and state election offices. There are two separate grant programs: the two-year HAVCP Poll Worker Grant and the one-year HAVCP Service Day Mini-Grant. These grants are designed to fund civic education, voter engagement efforts, poll worker recruitment, and training for college students.

For more information on these programs, including grant award amounts and document previews, visit **the HAVCPâ s webpage.**

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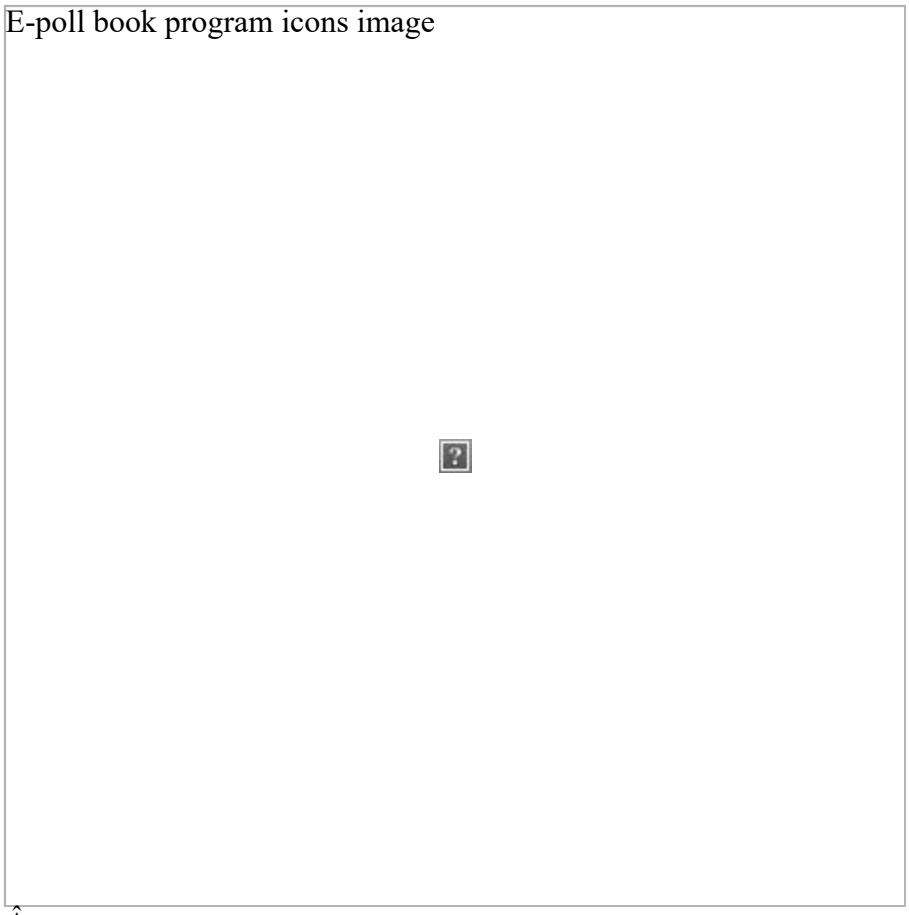

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The EACâ s Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) released findings from the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Pilot Program.** This pilot was conducted by ESTEP to test baseline requirements for e-poll books. The test results found that there was not a single requirement that all participants failed, and that developers are capable of meeting 95% of the requirements as currently drafted in the **Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (VEPBR v0.9).** Â

ESTEPâ s report identifies noteworthy findings, possible limitations, and plausible solutions to establishing a formal program for EPB certification. ESTEPâ s findings indicate that our nationâ s e-poll books are ready for use in elections. The ESTEP Director recommends a formal program for EPB testing and certification at the EAC. This report is accompanied by updates to eac.gov and a video explaining ESTEPâ s role and further details regarding the pilot.

Thank you to all the stakeholders who made this pilot possible through their time and talents. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Save the Date: November 17th and December 4th E-Poll Book Pilot Program Virtual Events

The EACâ s ESTEP program will have a **live event on November 17th** at 2:00 p.m. EST. Tune in to learn more about the E-Poll Book Pilot Program and this technology from pilot participants, state and local jurisdictions, and voting system test laboratories. Watch it on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.

Additionally, on December 4th at 1:00 p.m. EST, there will be **another virtual event** to discuss next steps for ESTEP and the E-Poll Book Pilot Program.

If you have any questions about the program or events, please contact **estep@eac.gov**.
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2022 EAVS STATE BRIEFS AND INTERACTIVE DATA

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The EAC has published data briefs for the states, D.C., and territories from the **2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS).** This data covers voter registration, election technology, voter turnout, and more, presented in easy-to-read statistics and charts.

The EAVS data has also been consolidated into an interactive data visualization tool that covers a variety of election aspects, including mail ballot curing, UOCAVA voters, sources of voter registrations, and more. It presents the data with in-depth numbers broken down by state and county levels.

Find all the **briefs and interactive data here.**

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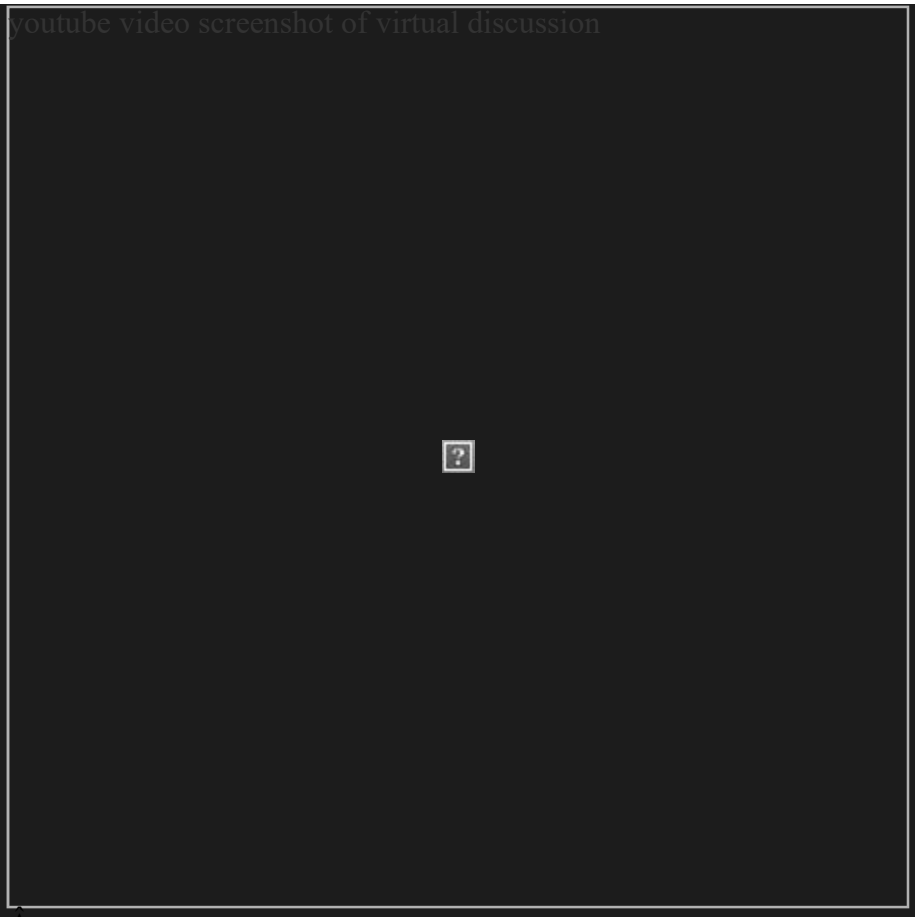

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To mark Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, the EAC Commissioners spoke with several subject matter experts on the topic and the various ways it applies to election administration.

Watch the panels on the **EAC's YouTube channel.**

Commissioner Ben Hovland discussed cybersecurity basics for election officials with Geoff Hale, lead at the Election Security and Resilience team at CISAâ s National Risk Management Center. CISA offers a range of resources that may be helpful to election officials, which can be found **here.**

In recent years, options to cast a ballot privately and independently have expanded, including electronic ballot delivery. This method is one that can benefit voters with disabilities. Commissioner Thomas Hicks discussed the importance of accessibility as well as the security of ballot delivery systems with Dr. Sharon Laskowski, a computer scientist and Deputy Division Chief of the Information Access Division at NIST; Dr. Kathryn Summers, a professor at the University of Baltimore; and Dylan Martin, a security specialist for SLI Compliance.

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Commissioner Donald Palmer discussed the impact of AI technology and what voters and election officials need to know about this evolving technology. Joining him were Howard Knapp, Executive Director of the South Carolina Elections Commission; Sherry Poland, Director of the Hamilton County, Ohio, Board of Elections; and Steve Daitch, a senior subject matter expert at the EAC.

Chairwoman Christy McCormick discussed the role of the EAC in election security by diving into the work of the agencyâs Testing and Certification program and the Field Services program. Jon Panek, the Director of Testing and Certification and Dan Cox, Manager of the Field Services program, discussed how the EAC supports election officials to secure elections.

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Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Highlight:Â Priority Telecommunications Services

Priority in communications is crucial to continuity of operations when facing adverse conditions such as weather events, mass gatherings, cyber-attacks, or events arising from human error. Check out these resources on CISAâ s priority telecommunications services that enable essential personnel to communicate when networks are degraded or congested. These services cover GETS (landline phones) and WPS (cell phones) telecom prioritization at all levels of government.

The EAC also has **several COOP materials,** including a plan template, quick-start guide, a chapter in the Election Management Guidelines, and more.

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New EAC Office of the Inspector General Website

The EACâ s Office of the Inspector General debuted a new website to make information like audit plans, reports, and how to file a fraud

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report easier to find. Visit these materials and more on **their new website.**Â

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ATTEND THE TGDC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 5

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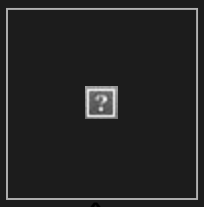

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The EACâ s **Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)** will host an in-person public meeting on December 5, 2023, at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Rockville, Maryland. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on EAC and NIST program updates, the VVSG annual review, lab testing strategies, and more.Â

The TGDC is composed of 14 members appointed jointly by EAC and the director of NIST.

Registration is required to attend this event in person. The meeting will also be live-streamed. Learn more on the **meeting event page.**

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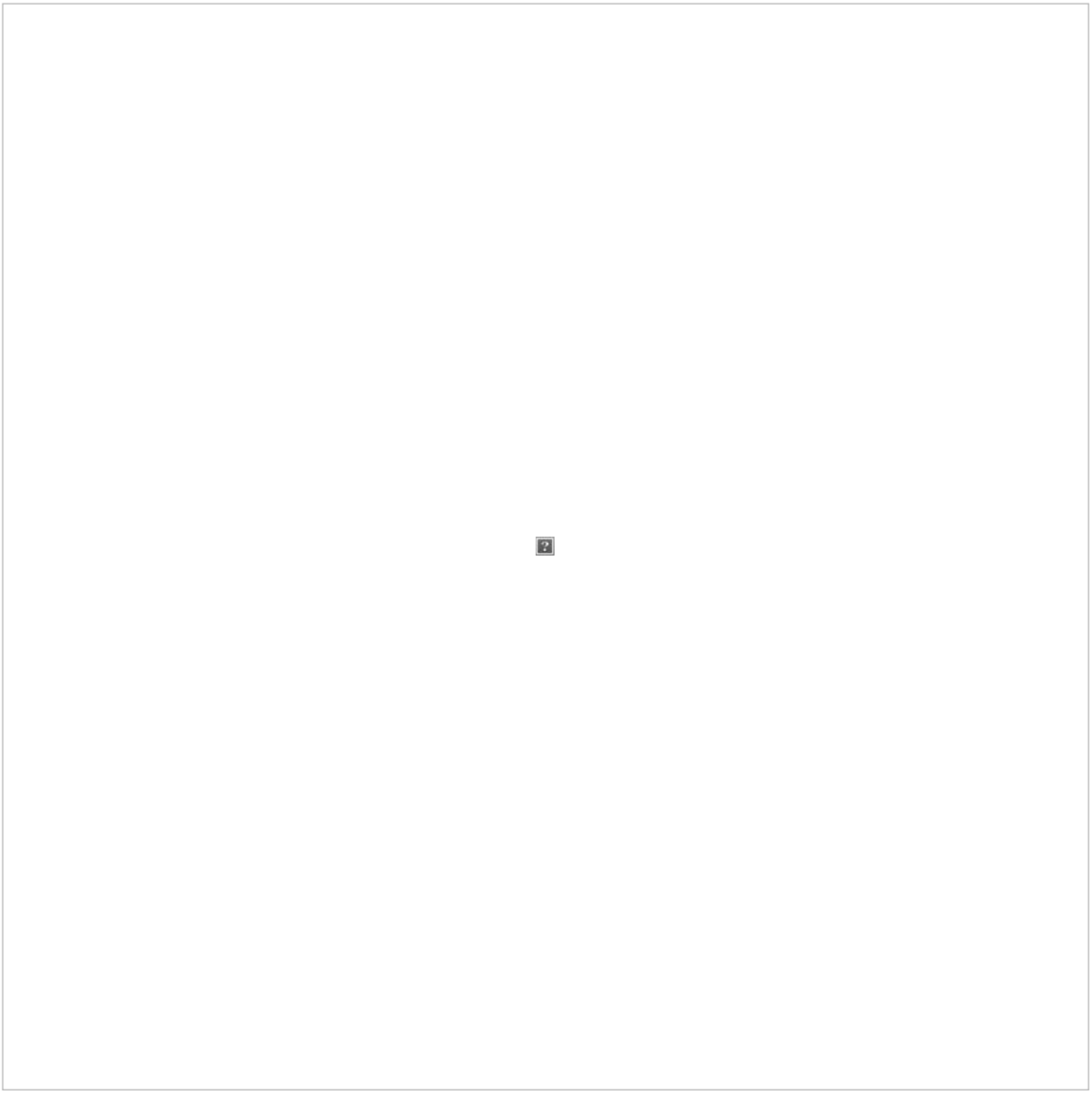

Dear Chuck,

We continue to be shocked and saddened by the brutal and unprovoked attacks that took place on the streets of Israel on October 7th and the ensuing battles that continue today. The images are enshrined in my mind with mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, grandparents and grandchildren who were attacked and even taken hostage. None seemed to be immune to the mindless barbarism of Hamas. At ALEC, we have long supported the Israeli people and have led two legislative Academies in recent years which makes it that much more personal.

For those inspired to act, Front Page Magazine published an article titled **Twelve Things You Can Do for Israel Right Now**. In addition to keeping informed, donating to medical services, and writing to your local newspapers, #11 on their list is to contact your local state legislators and request passage of a resolution supporting Israel and denouncing Hamas - ***with help from the American Legislative Exchange Council***.

Our **model resolution** â unanimously approved by the ALEC Board of Directors last week - affirms your stateâ s support for Israel, encourages other US states to adopt similar resolutions, and condemns Hamasâ October attack.

Texas, Utah, New Hampshire, and Arkansas have already adopted such a resolution with Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania adopting our language in at least one legislative chamber. If your state is not on that list, it should be.

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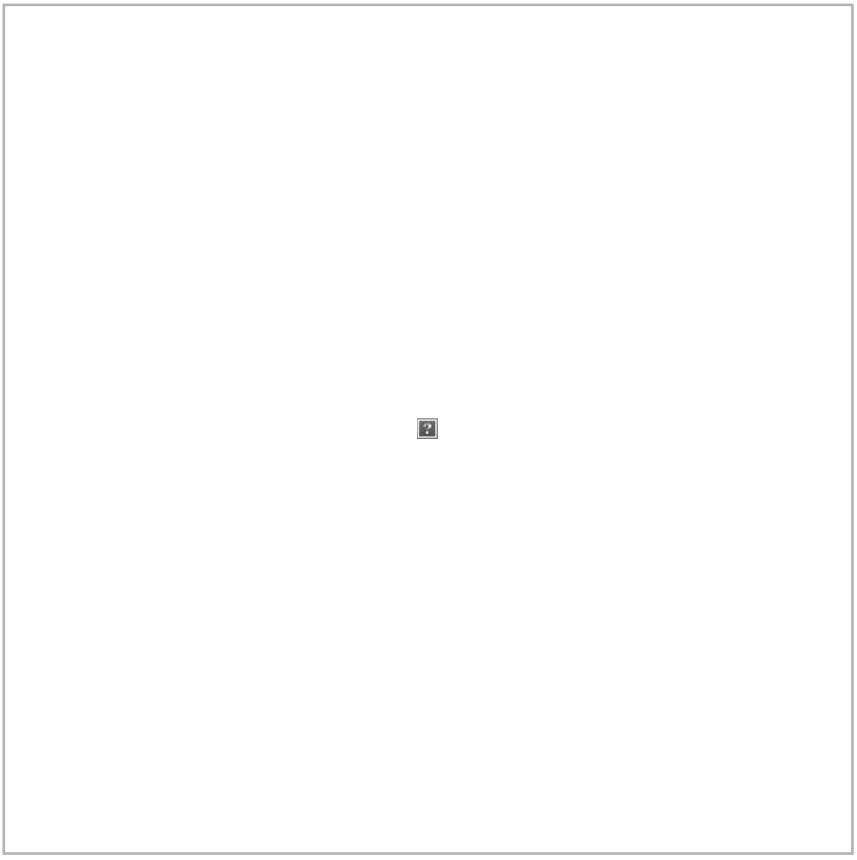
Closer to home, we're wrapping up the year just as strong as ever. With four academies in October including the Ozarks Regional Tax and Economic Policy Academy, a Healthcare Solutions Academy, an Academy on Defending the States, and Emerging Technology, we've been setting the stage for an impactful legislative session in 2024!



Speaking of excitement, I hope you are excited about our 2023 States and Nation Policy Summit. We are returning to one of our favorite hotels, the Westin Kierland, for a week filled with trusted policy solutions across the states for three fantastic days of planning, debating, and discussing the critical issues for 2024. Our task forces will be in full swing, discussing **more than 40 model policies**, and workshops, training seminars, town halls, and caucuses available for all.

For everyone already registered we canâ t wait to see you! And for those of you who havenâ t â whatâ s the holdup? Not only will **Scottsdale be gorgeous** this time of year, but youâ ll be hearing from the best and brightest legislative minds in the nation. Weâ re talking about the latest approaches to energy, technology, criminal justice, mental health, and the always fascinating American City County Exchange meetings.

Finally, you may have noticed recent **anti-ALEC smear campaigns** backed by the Tides Center, **the same foundation supporting pro-Hamas protests** throughout the U.S. Never one to back away from a fight, I quickly penned an op-ed denouncing the distortions about ALEC and provided a laundry list of accomplishments weâ ve achieved over the years in the name of limited government, free markets, and federalism. Please read and share our response, **Facts, not falsehoods, about the American Legislative Exchange Council**, at your earliest convenience.

So, as you prepare for your Thanksgiving feast (no matter how big or small), know the American Legislative Exchange Council is here for you both in good times and bad. Because weâ re not just officers, employees, and members â ¦ weâ re family. And family sticks together. As one.

See you **in Scottsdale**!

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Dear Chuck,

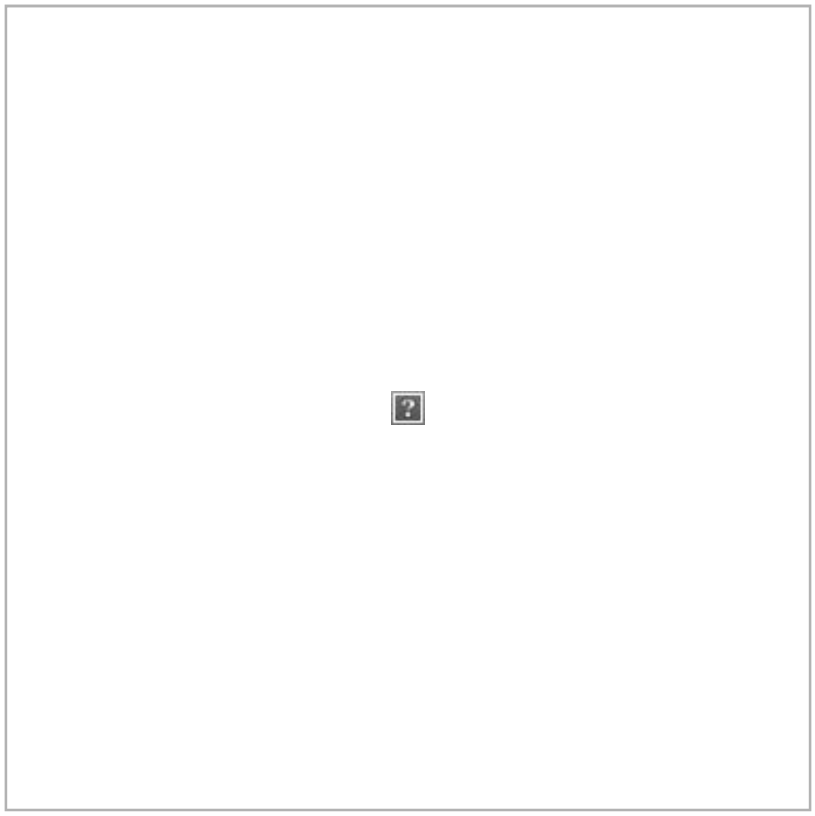
Dreaming of warm sunny days? Why not join ALEC in sunny Arizona for the **2023 States & Nation Policy Summit**? This year we are kicking off our Summit with a golf tournament at the Westin Kierland Golf Club. Please note, space is limited and only available to registered Summit attendees. You must pre-register for the event. Email Alex Hinson at **AHinson@alec.org** for more information. Will you be the champion?

ALEC will honor its 2023 award recipients at this yearâ s States & Nation Policy Summit Jefferson Dinner and Awards Celebration on

Tuesday, November 28 from 5:45 - 8:30 PM.

Chuck, ready to secure your seat and join us in Arizona?

Hurry! Time is running out to register at the early bird rate.



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During the event, you'll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

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And with dozens of other breakout events, you'll build a network that will position you for success in the future.

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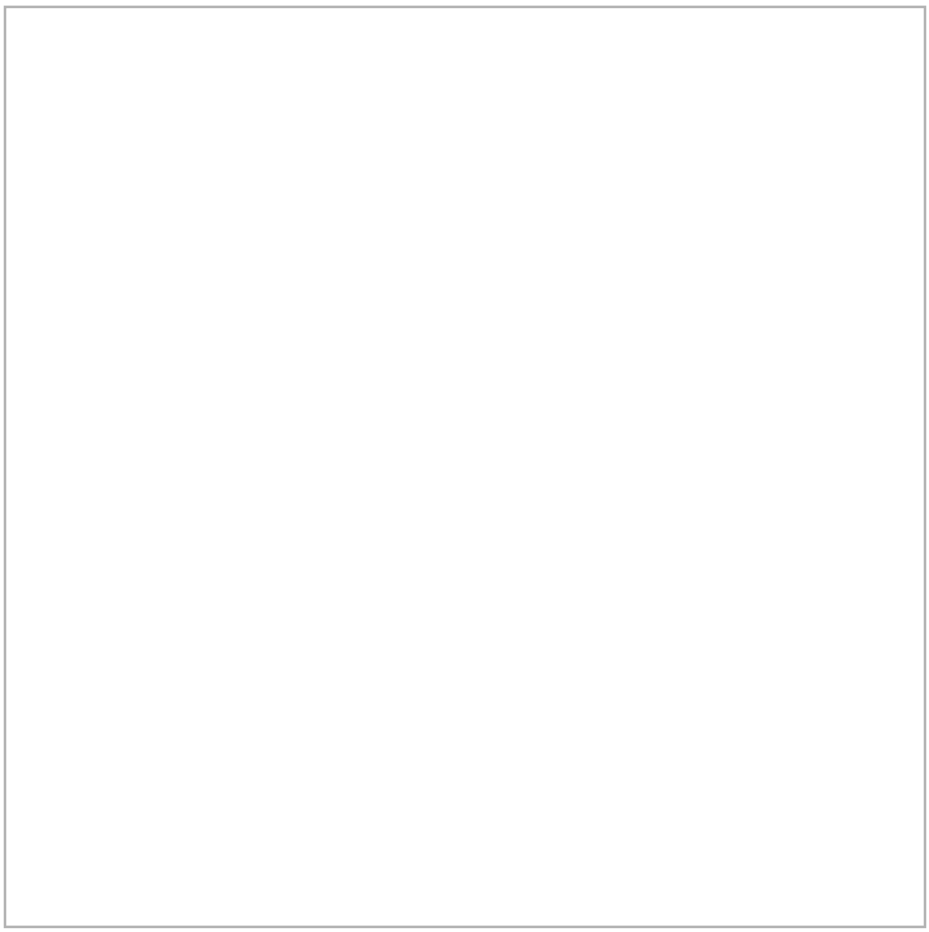

Upcoming Deadlines

- November 1: Early Bird Registration deadline
- November 2: Standard Registration begins
- Attendees MUST register by Friday, November 10 to receive information to join the virtual subcommittee meetings.

Task Force Model Policy Information

The 2023 States & Nation Policy Task Force Meeting Agenda's and draft Model Policy information will be posted on **ALEC.Org** on the 30-day deadline - October 30, as well as emailed to all active task force members.

Summit Agenda

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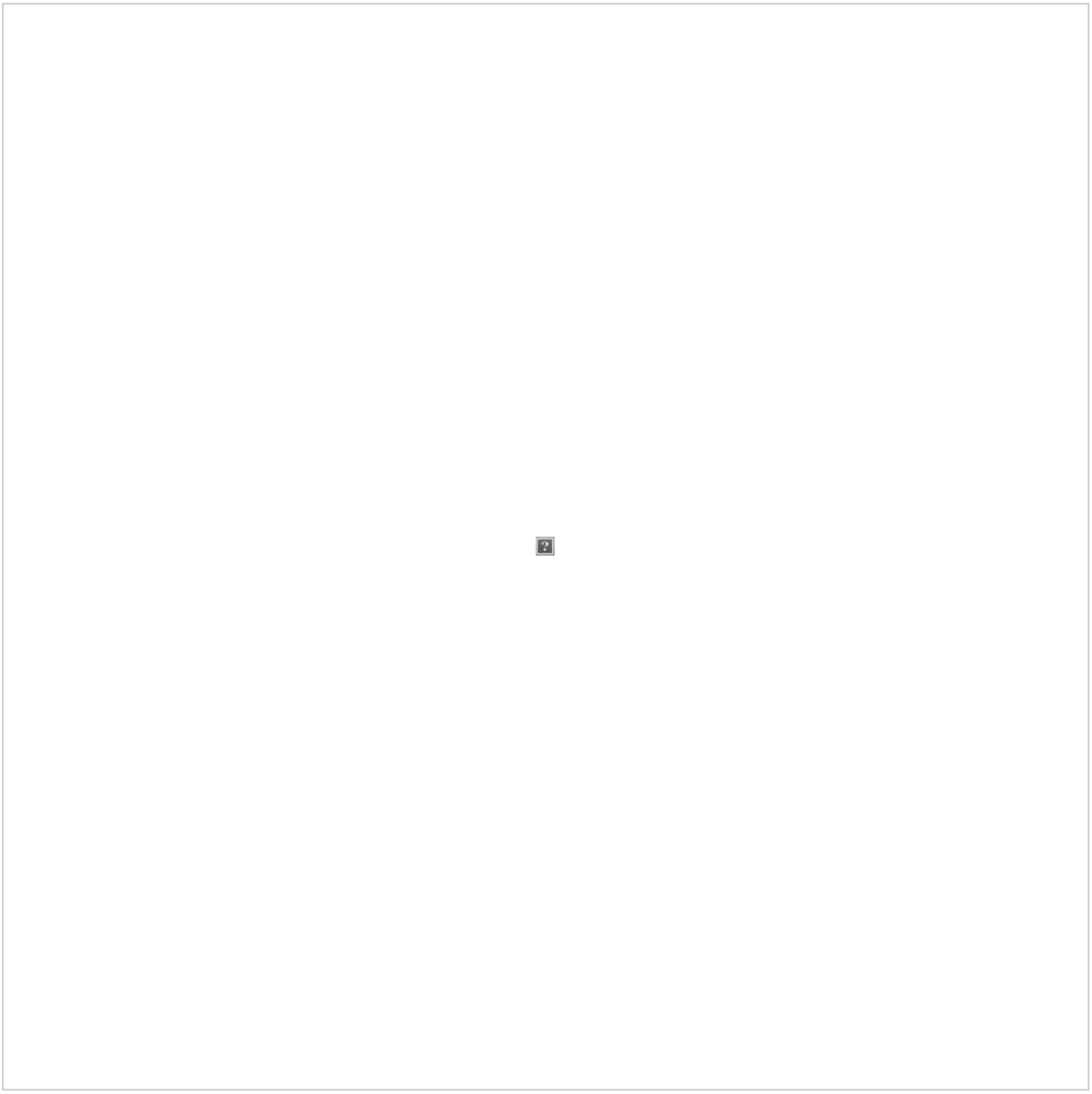

Dear Chuck,

It was another great month here at the home of limited government, free markets, and federalism.

Not only were we recognized by the New York Times as a "key incubator of conservative state legislation," but we continued to provide trusted policy solutions with the release of two new 50-state rankings and held our 50th Anniversary Gala at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC.

With nationally syndicated radio show host Hugh Hewitt serving as master of ceremonies, the day began with in-depth discussions during our Policy Day on Capitol Hill and ended with rousing celebration of freedom at our gala. Led by our 2023 ALEC National Chairman, Speaker-Designate Daniel Perez of Florida, the evening included a special message from ALEC founding member, Ambassador Terry Branstad and keynotes from U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts of Nebraska and Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears of Virginia. Each shared their stories of ALEC past, present, and future as we move ever closer to fulfilling the promise of a more prosperous America with the states leading the way.

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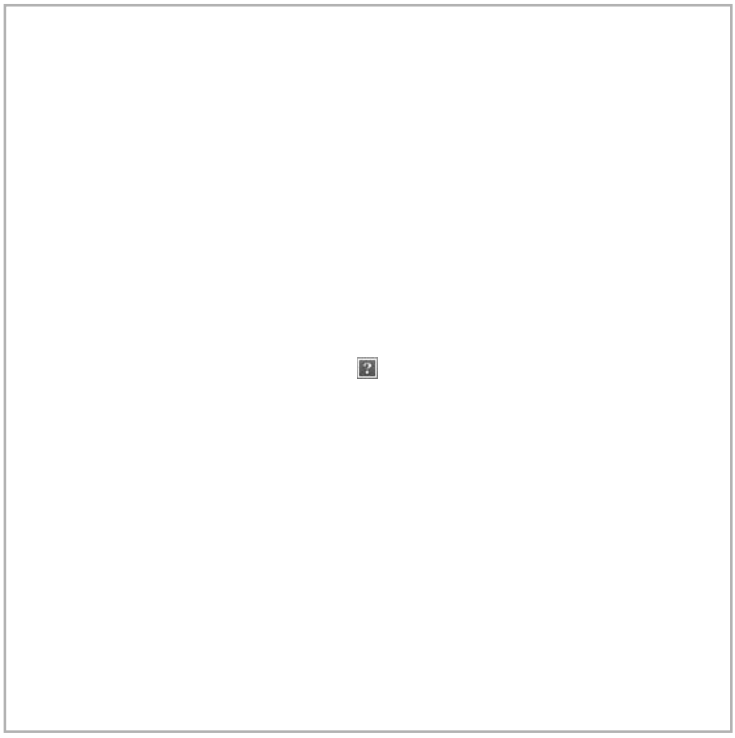

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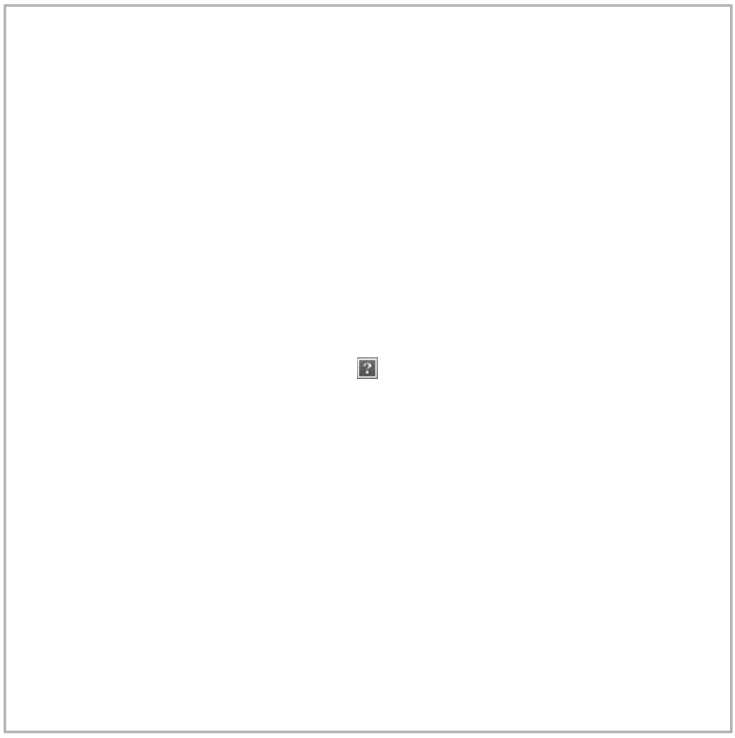
Looking to the future, we unveiled our prestigious 50 Under 50 list of up-and-coming state legislators and were privileged to be joined by them in Washington to commemorate five decades of ALEC. Under the guidance of these young leaders from across the country, I'm more optimistic than ever about what lies ahead for our organization and our nation.



(Utah State Representative Candice Pierucci with Utah State Senate President Stuart Adams & State Representative Karianne Lisonbee)

But that was just the icing on the cake. Last month, we released two groundbreaking reports highlighting **the levels of education freedom** and **unfunded public pension liabilities** per state.

When it comes to empowering parents with education freedom, Florida led the way with top marks thanks to their financing programs, virtual schooling and opening enrollment policies - an accomplishment **Governor Ron DeSantis was happy to**

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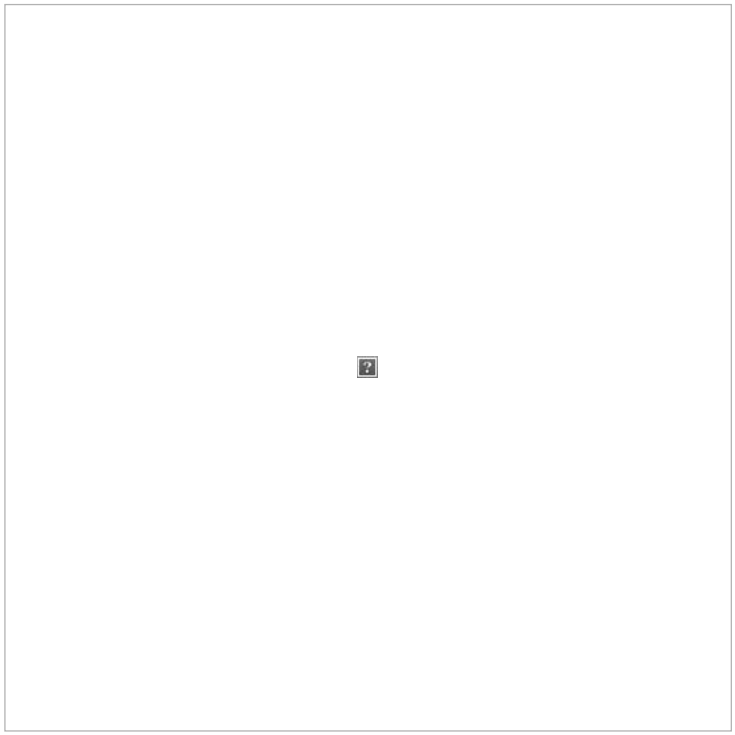
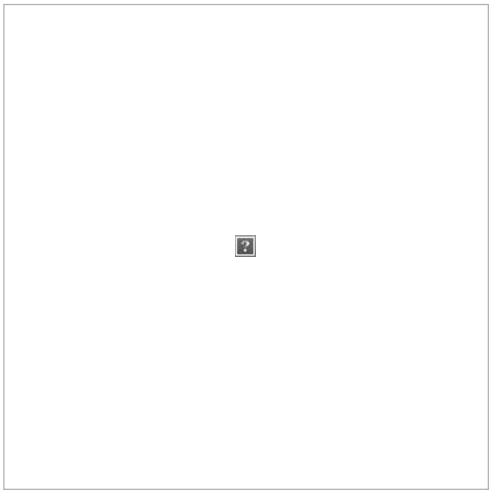
share with reporters while out in California.



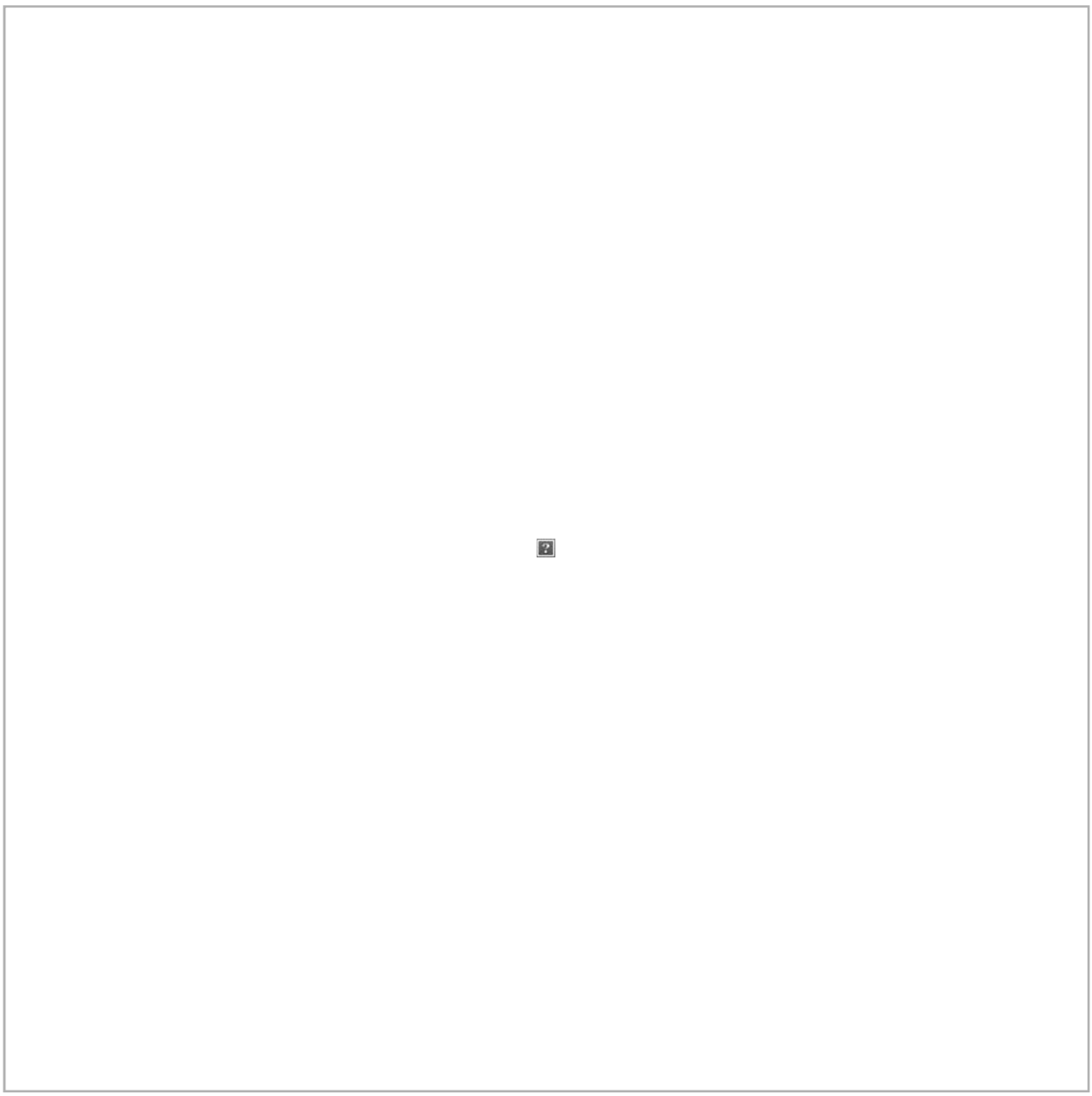
â *Just today, Florida got ranked #1 for education freedom by the American Legislative Exchange Councilâ ¦â*

Understanding our pension crisis is difficult, but thankfully our new report charts a path for legislators to permanently fix this growing problem on behalf of retirees and taxpayers. It also highlights the importance of **ALECâ s model policy** to keep politically driven investment strategies out of state pension funds.



For those of you who made the trip to Washington, DC last week, we thank you for sharing in our celebration. And for those of you who couldn't make it, I know you were with us in spirit. It was a wonderful reminder of the Jeffersonian principles upon which we were founded and will lead us through another 50 years of ALEC success. But fear not, for there is still time to network and learn as we prepare for our **States and Nation Policy Summit** this November in Scottsdale, Arizona. We canâ t wait to see you there.

Best,



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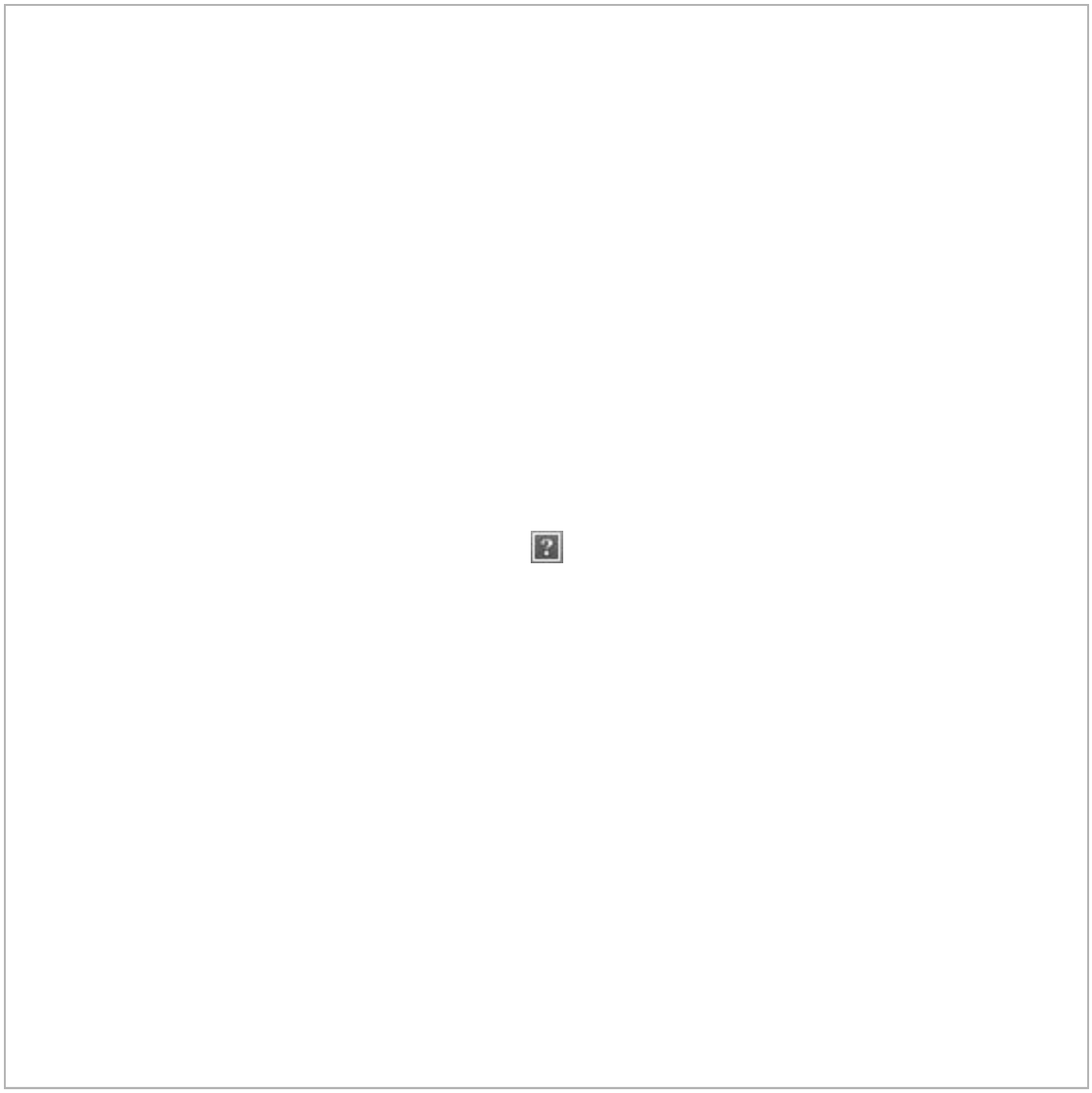

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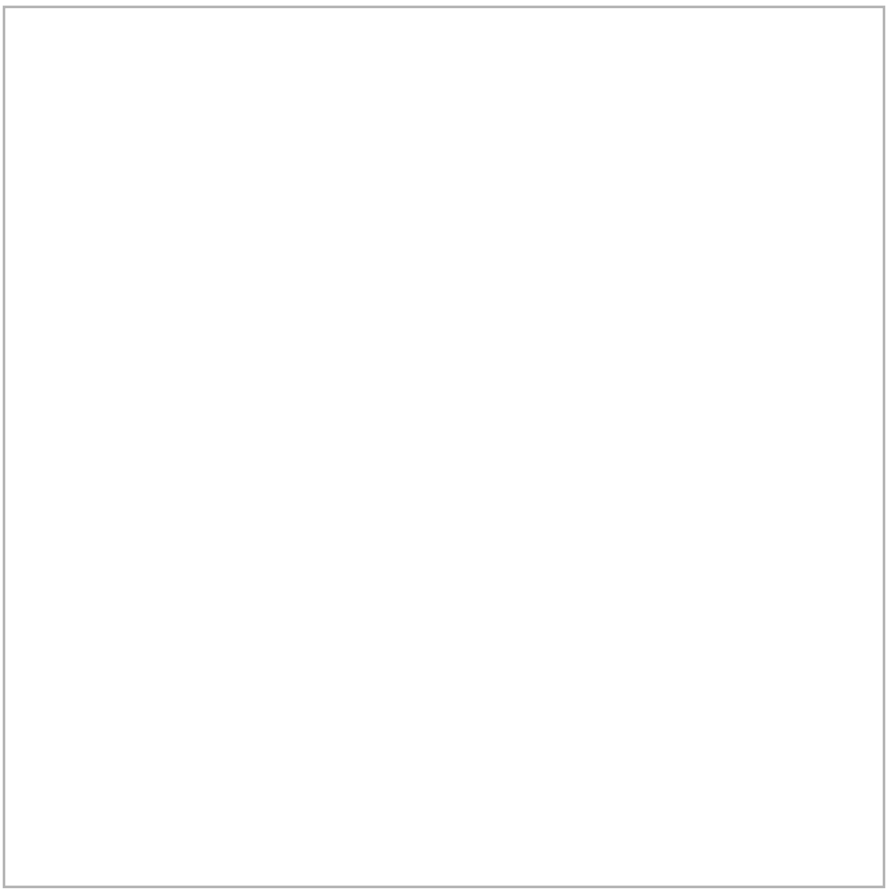

All registered attendees are invited to kick-off the week by honoring the 2023 ALEC award recipients at our first ever Awards Reception and Dinner at the 2023 Summit Welcome event in Scottsdale, AZ.

If you have not yet registered for the Summit, please click the button below and register now!

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We hope to see you there!

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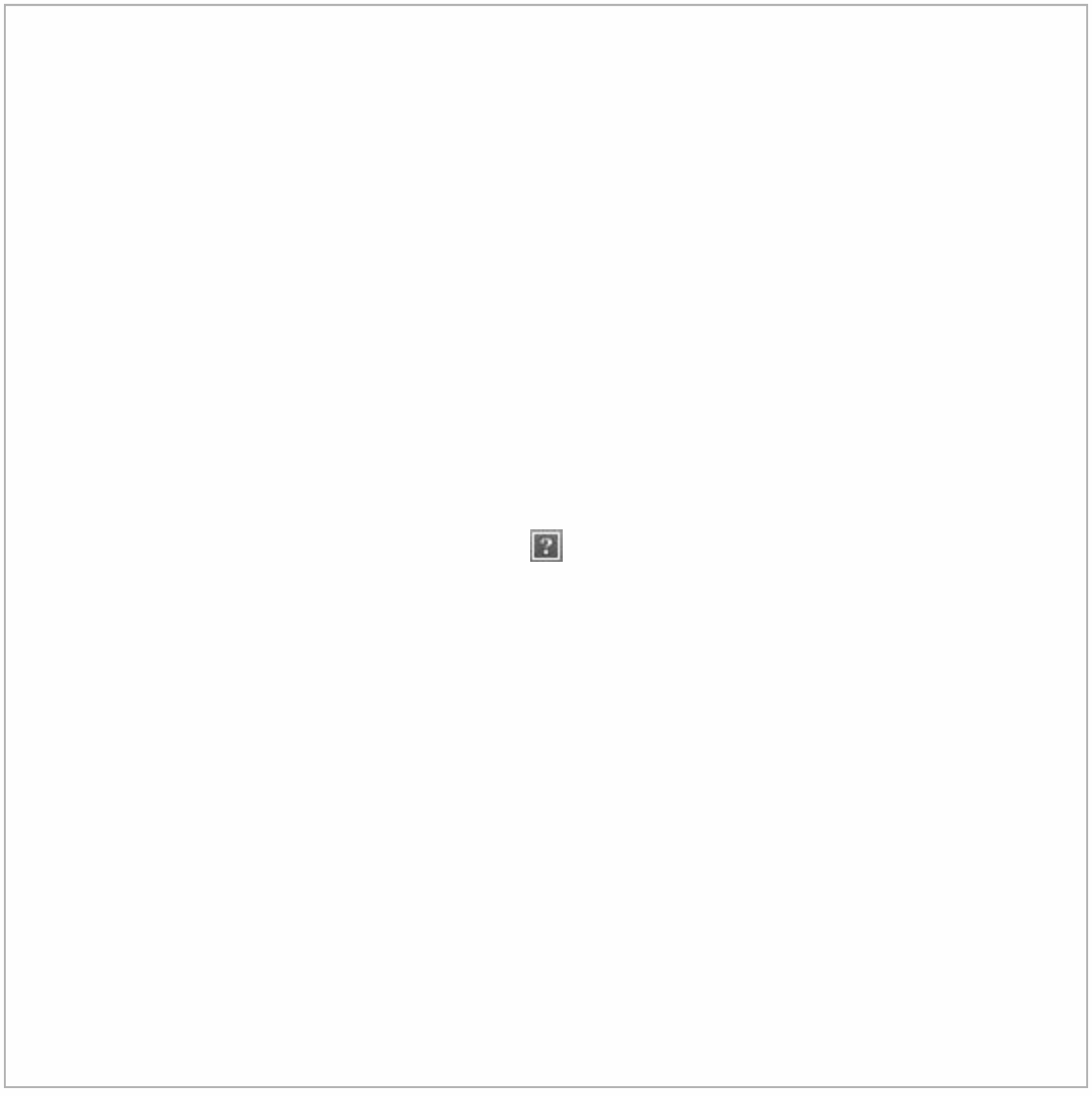

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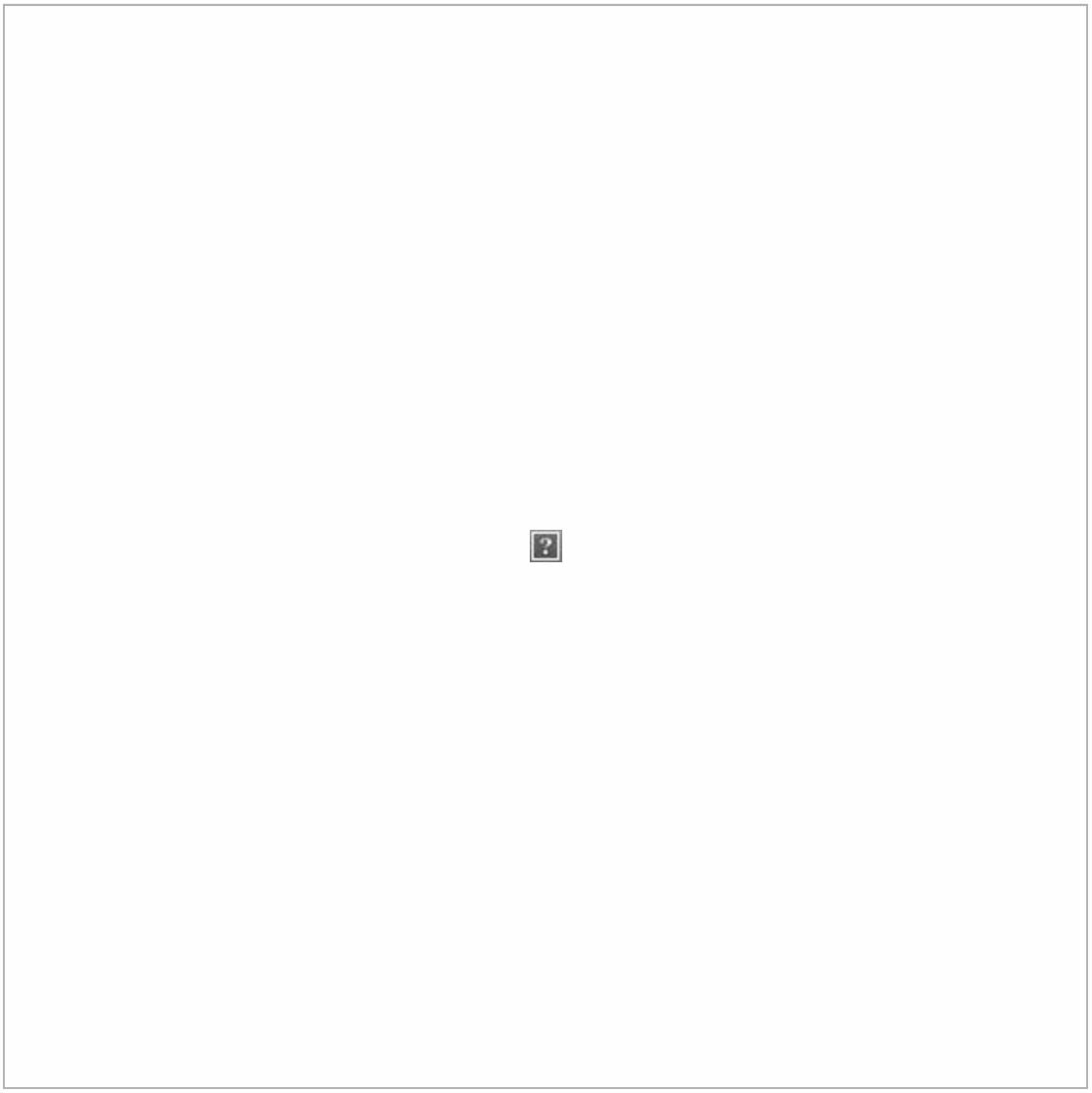

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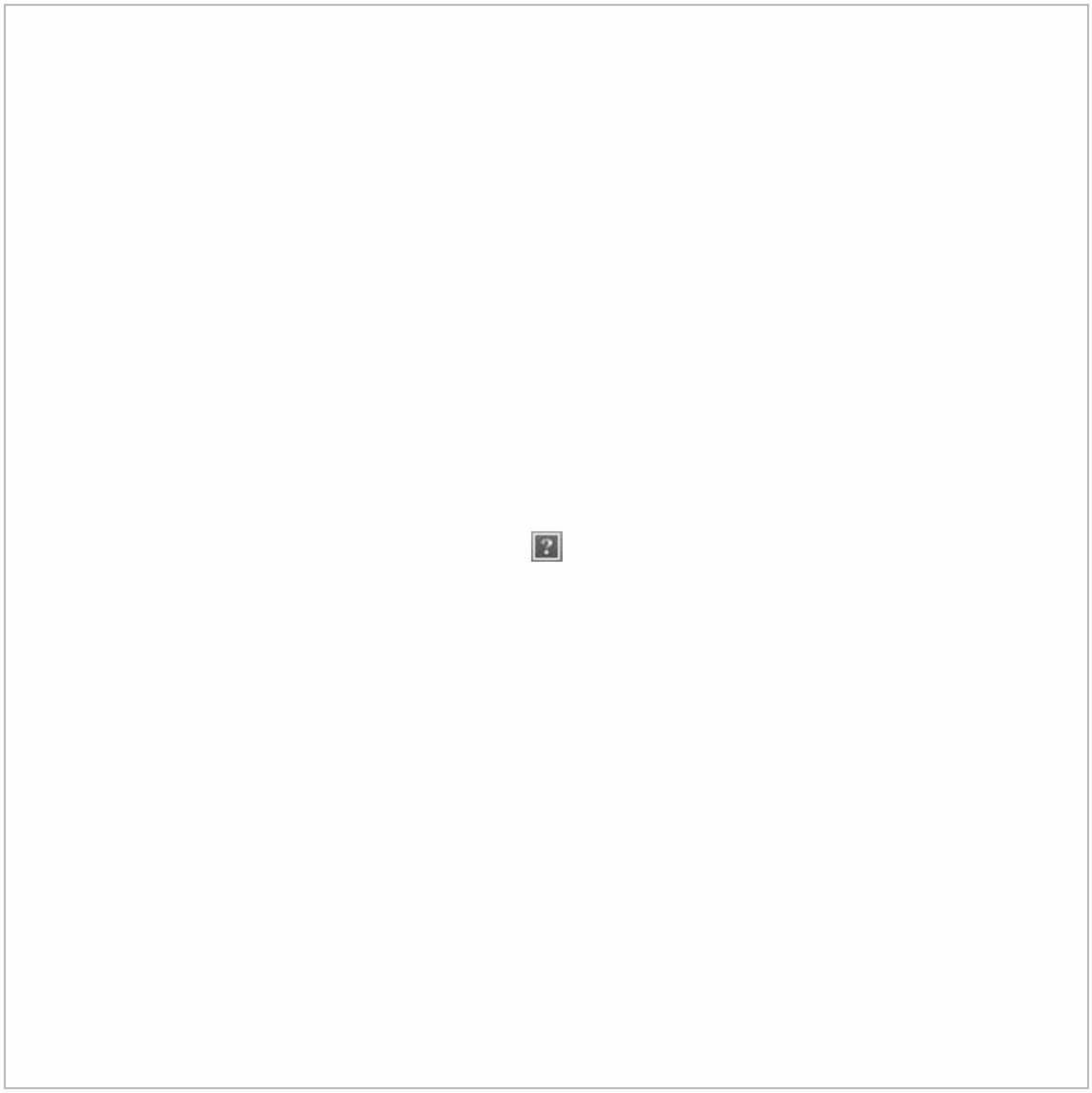

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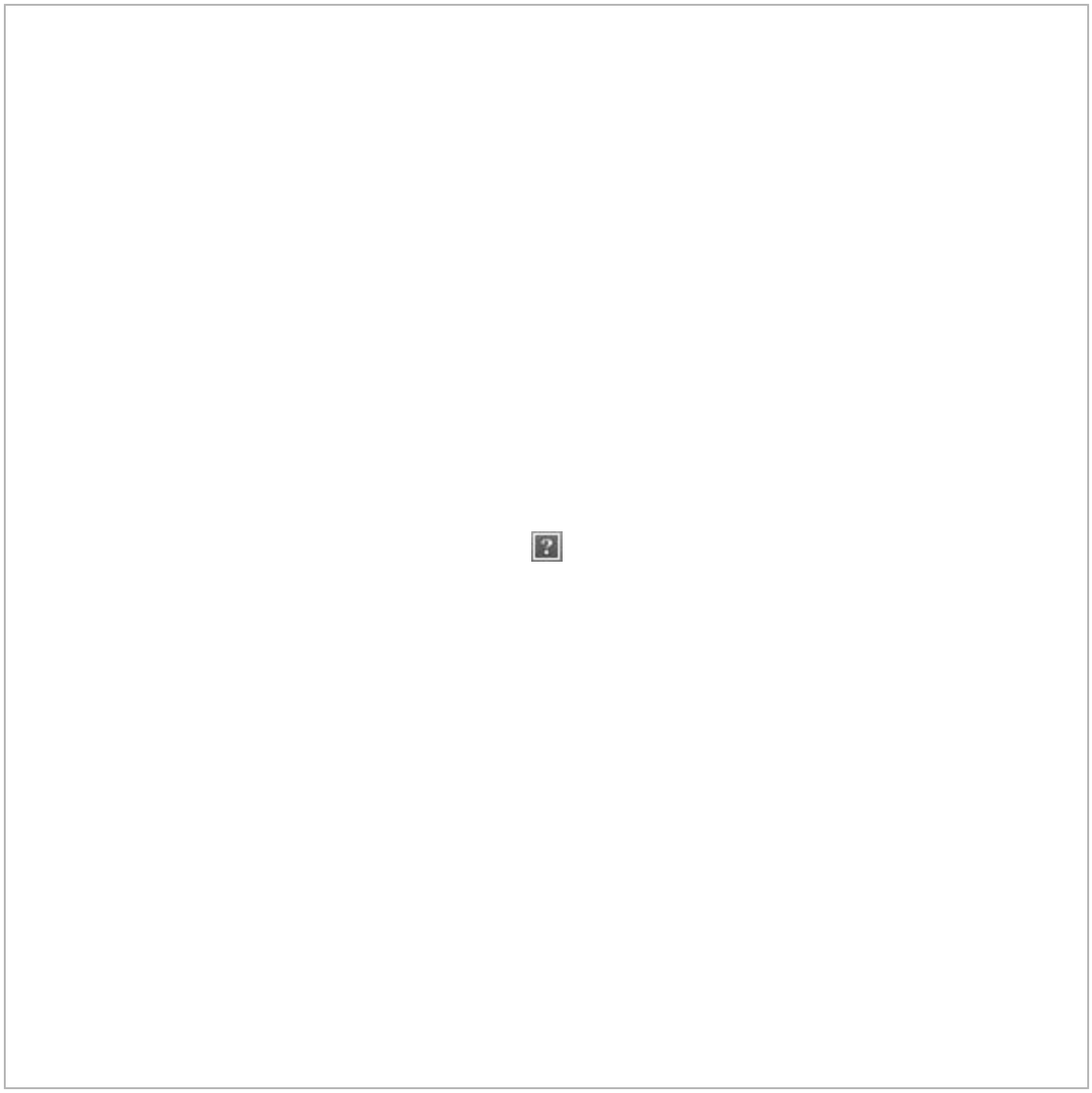

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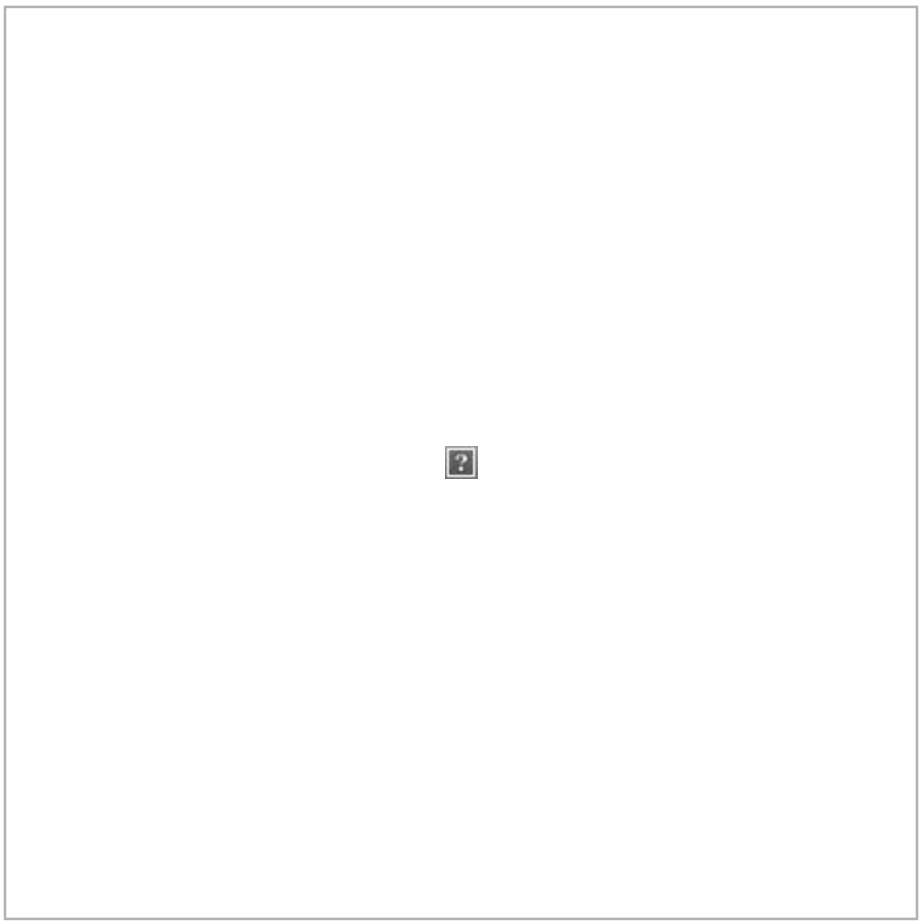

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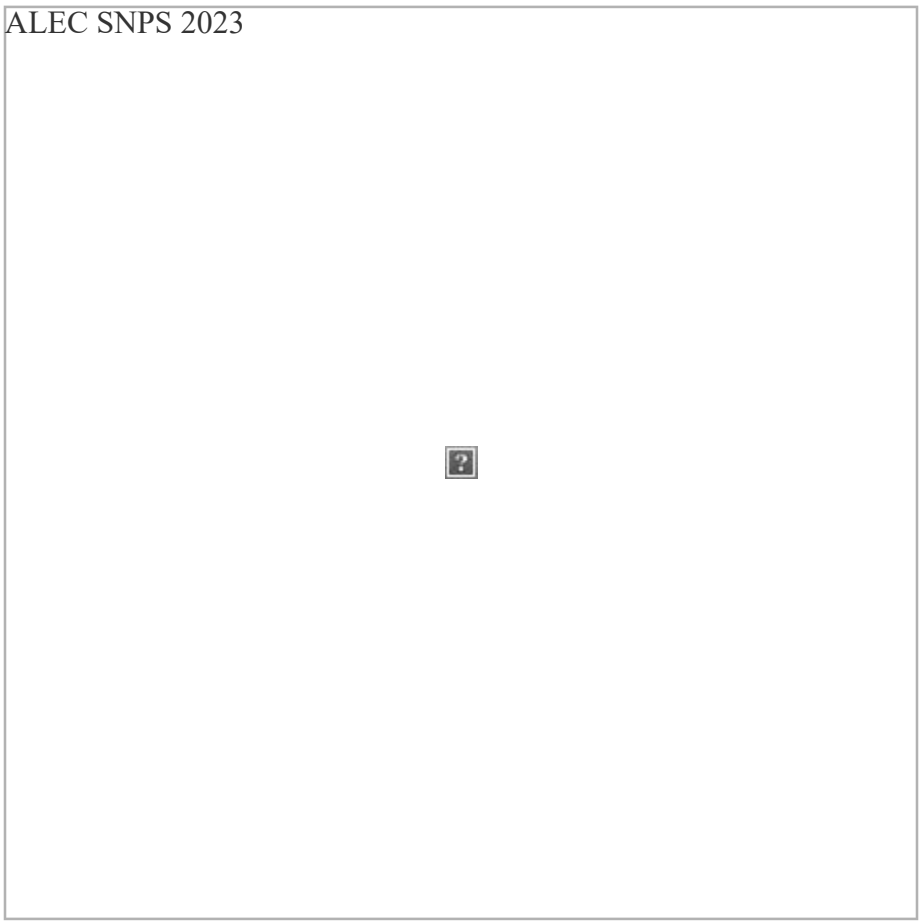

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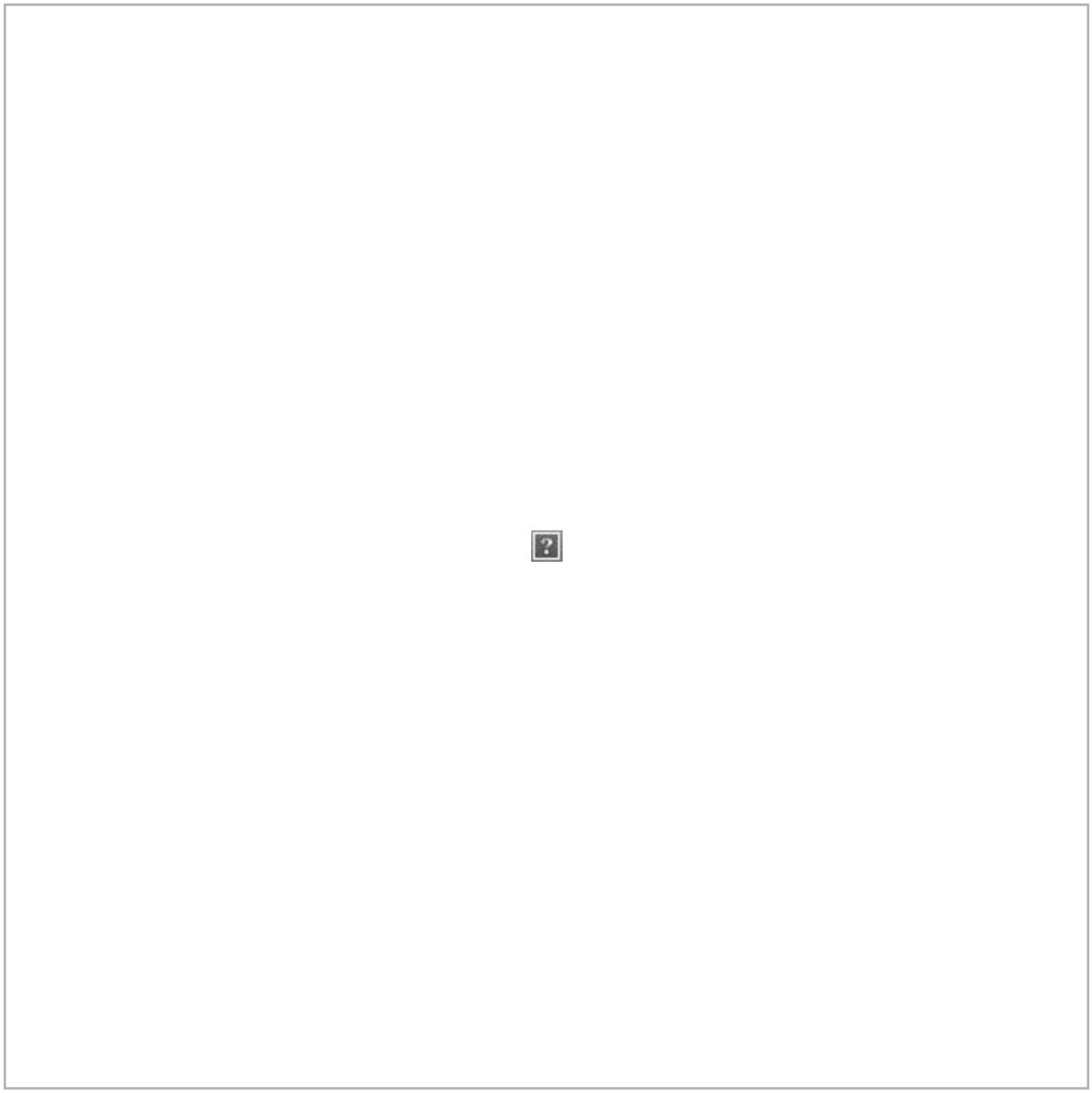

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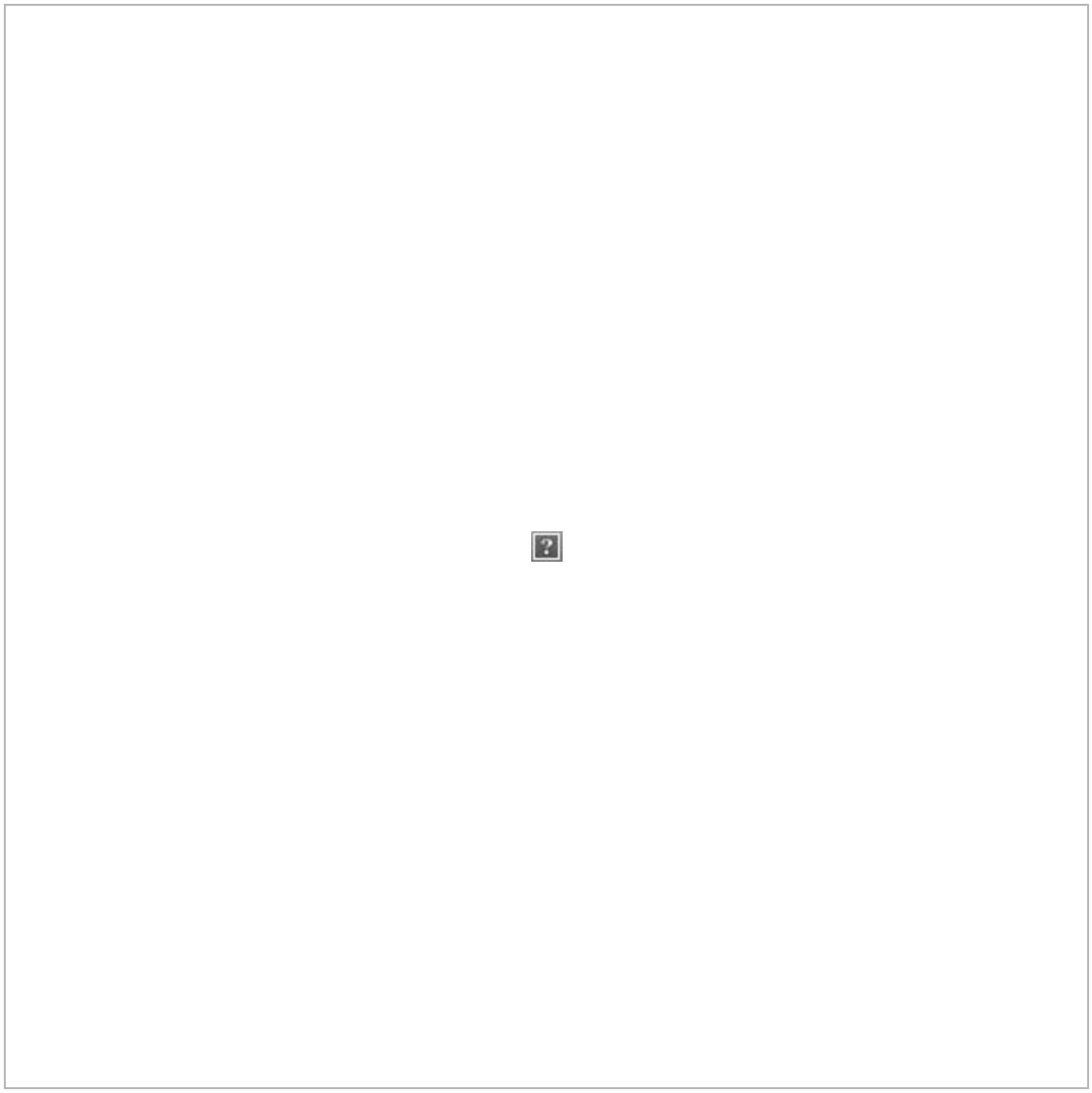

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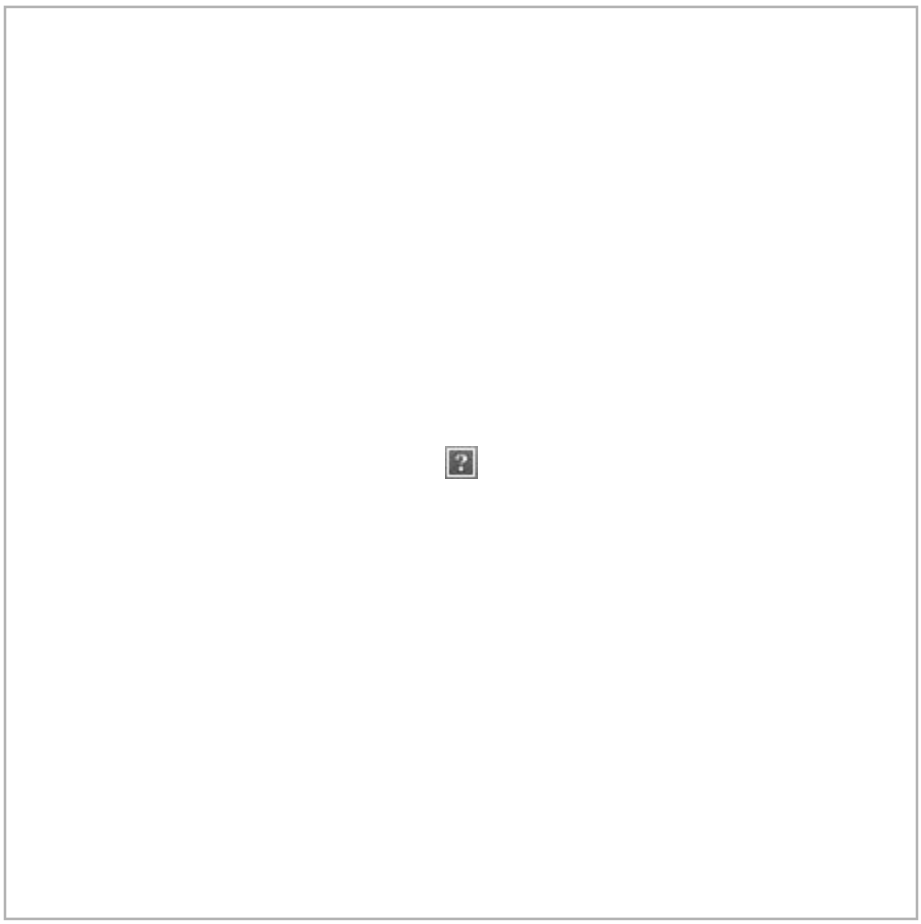

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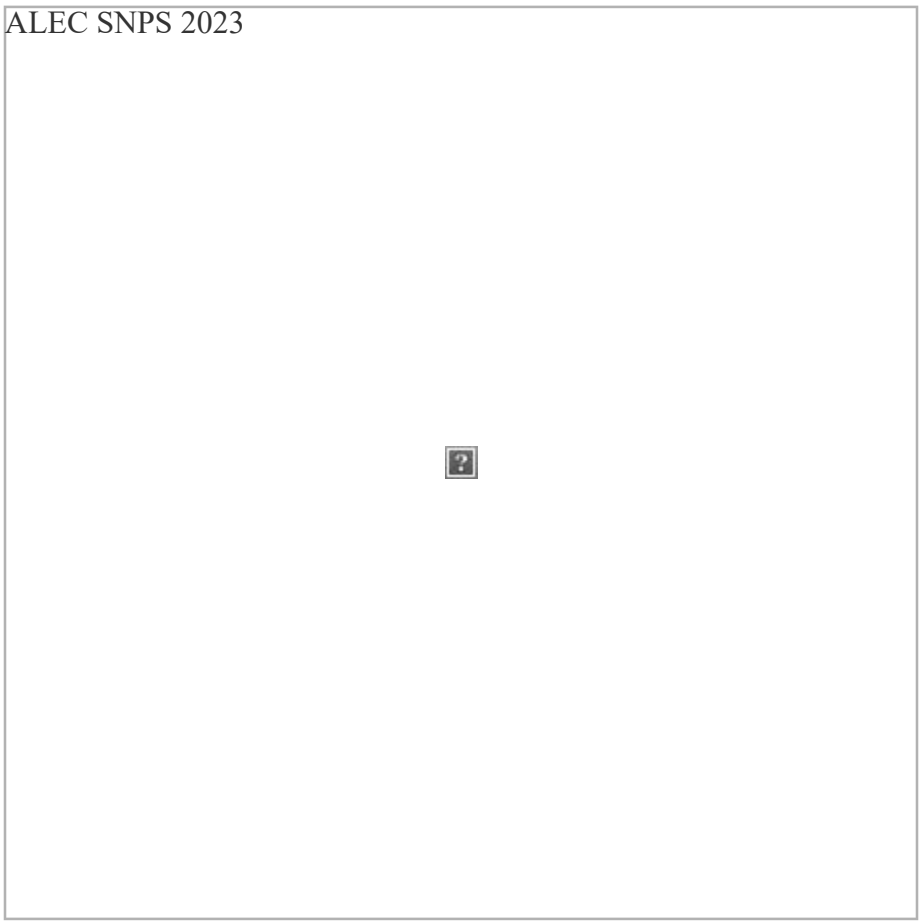

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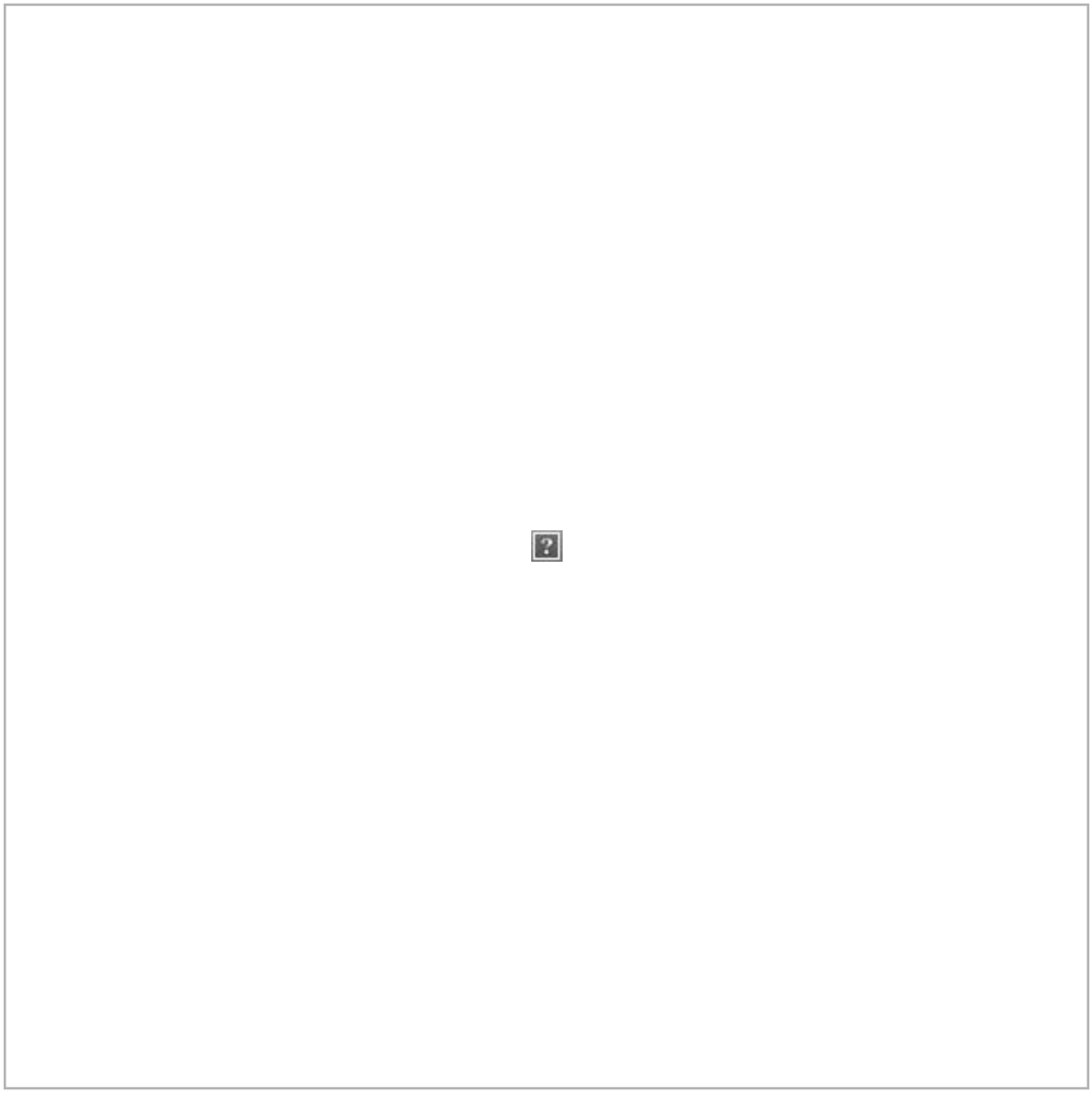

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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day Recap

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New Resources: AI Toolkit and Voting Process Changes Simulations Series

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Commissioner Hovlandâ s Video on Engaging Student Voters in College Communities

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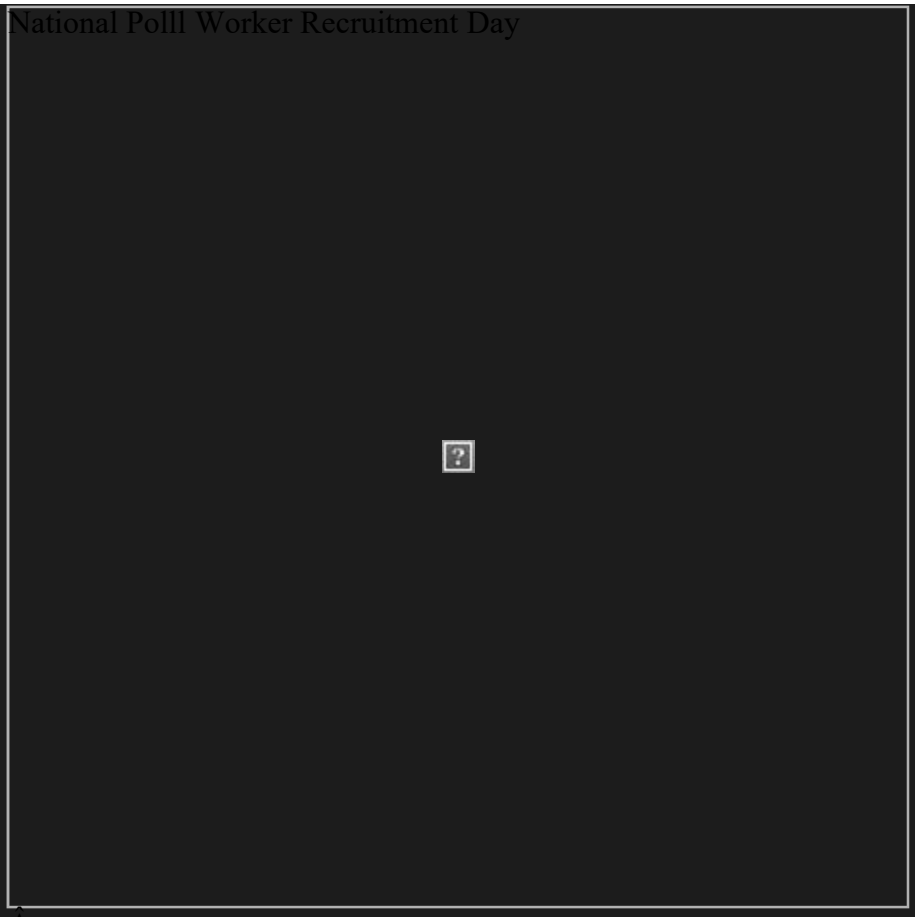

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The EACâ s third annual National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of election offices, organizations, and individuals across the country. Social media was flooded with information on how to sign up to be a poll worker in your local community. State and local election offices across 40 states and the District of Columbia participated in National Poll Worker Recruitment Day this year.Â Â

While National Poll Worker Recruitment Day 2023 has passed, EAC resources, such as the customizable graphics, can be used at any time for poll worker recruitment efforts. In addition to social media, you can add them to mailers, flyers, newsletters, videos, and other creative efforts.Â

The EAC also added the following resources on poll workers to its toolbox in August:

- A new blog post, **Best Practices for Recruiting High School and College Students**, is aimed at supporting recruitment efforts among high school and college students.Â
- To help understand the different legal requirements and

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regulations for serving as a poll worker in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia, the EAC put together a **State-by-State Poll Worker Compendium.**

- The EAC also released this **Quick Tips Guide** to help election officials recruit poll workers, from general to targeted demographics.

Commissioner Donald Palmer interviewed election officials about their poll worker best practices and activities for National Poll Worker Recruitment Day to mark the occasion**.** **You can watch the interview here**.

Make sure to mark your calendars for next year!

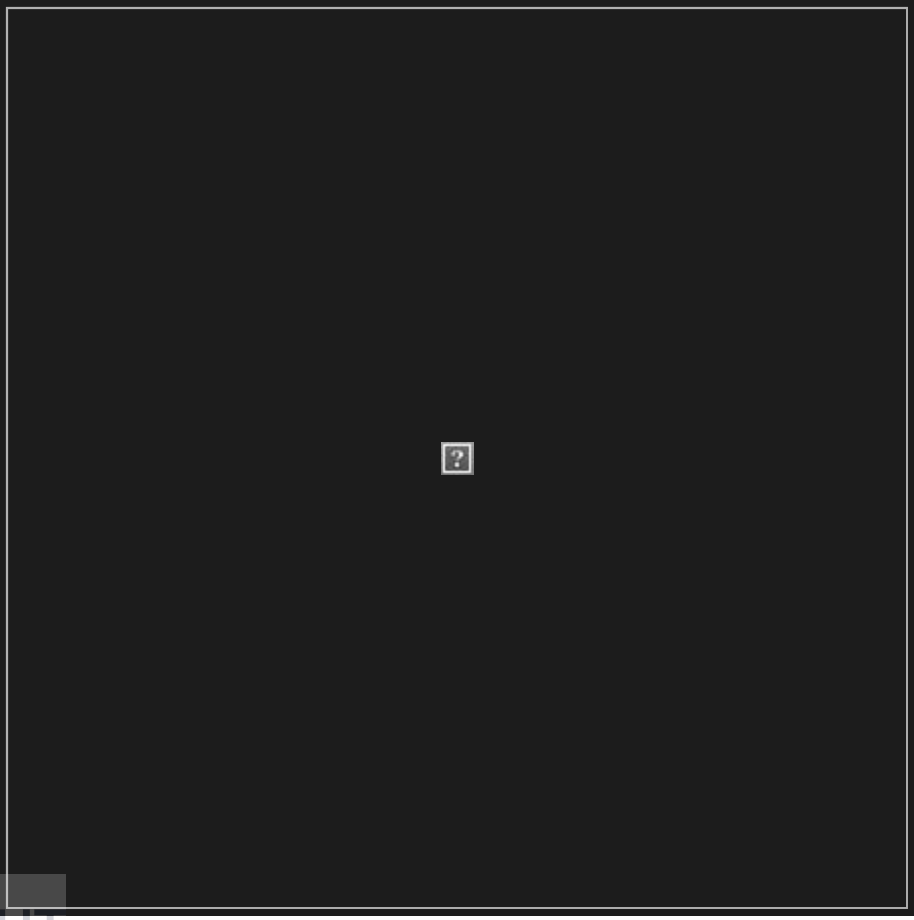
Help America Vote Day will be onÂ

January 30, 2024

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day will be

August 1, 2024

Information on these efforts will be available at HelpAmericaVote.gov and the EACâ s newsletter.



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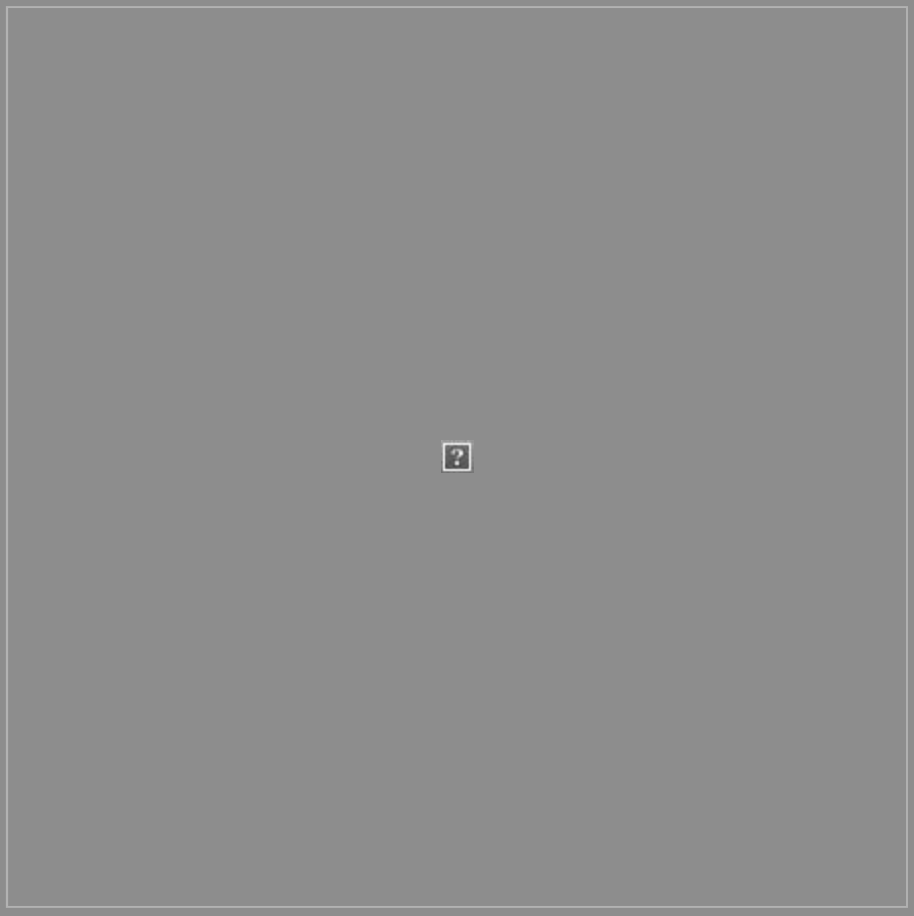
AI TOOLKIT FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS



The impact of artificial intelligence is yet to be seen, but like any technology, AI tools are used for a variety of purposesâ good, bad, and neutral. This new EAC toolkit provides election officials with a general understanding of AI tools and the opportunities and threats that they create for effective election administration. **View it here.**

The resource includes:

- An overview of existing AI tools;
- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of these tools in the field of election administration;
- Communications tips and best practices for navigating AI-generated content;
- A handout template that election officials can use to direct voters and constituents to verifiable sources of accurate information.

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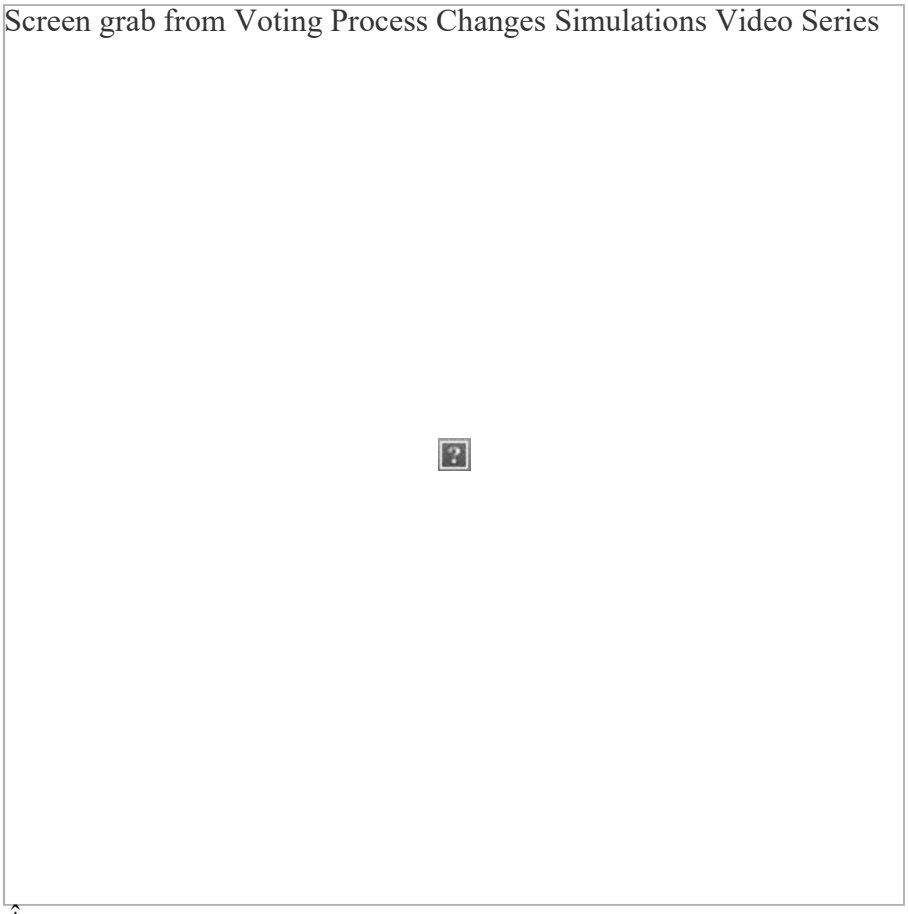

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The EAC released a fourth set of videos as part of the simulation series intended to help election officials develop strategies for incorporating new processes and equipment at polling places. The simulations in this series explore different strategies based on voting processes, available resources, and voter arrival patterns. Through seven videos, election officials will be able to visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting location. Â

Watch it here.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. **More information on this project and on the first simulation series on polling place consolidation can be found on the EACâ s website.**

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BACK TO SCHOOL:

Engaging Student Voters in College

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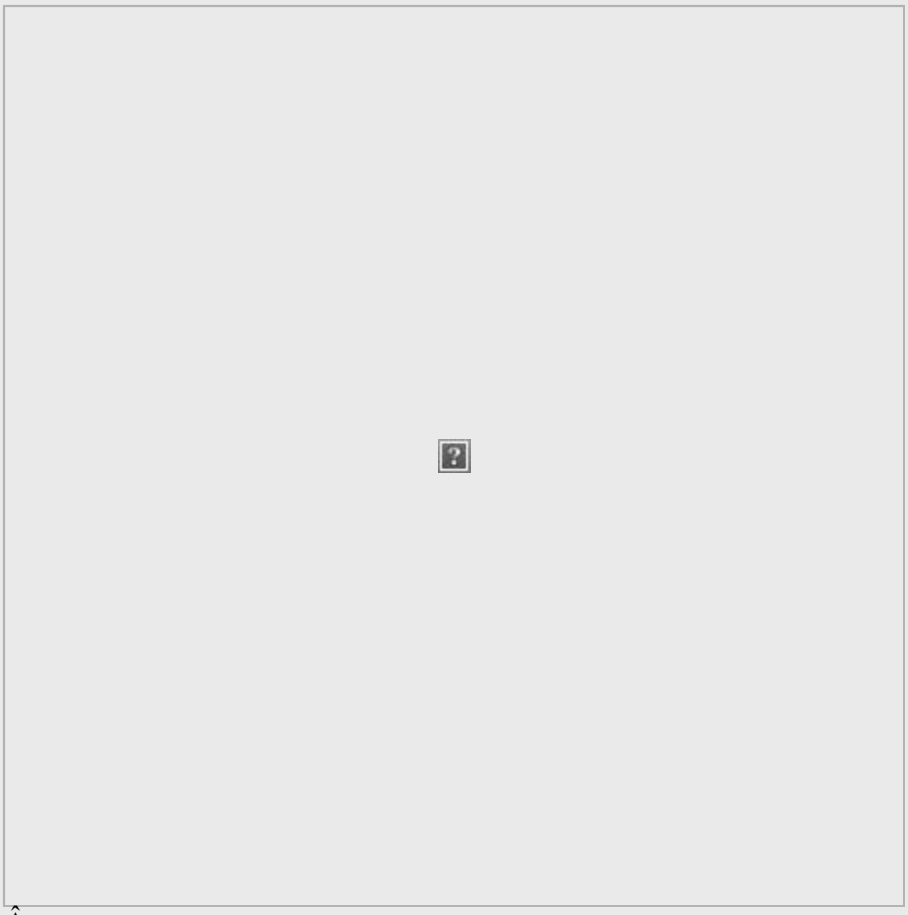

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As students return to campus this fall, they may have questions about their voting options and how to cast a ballot if they are registered at their home address. Commissioner Hovland spoke with experts about best practices for engaging college students in the voting process. Participants highlighted the value of using college interns and campus media organizations to engage with students and get the word out about voting resources. They also recommended using social media to engage students and having resources in multiple languages to reach language-diverse college communities.Â Â

Â **Watch it here.**

Participants included:

- Clarissa Unger, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Students Learn Students Vote CoalitionÂ Â
- Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, Ph.D., Executive Director, ALL IN Campus Democracy ChallengeÂ Â

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Marissa Corrente, Registrar of Voters, District of Columbia Board of ElectionsÂ Â

- Yael Bromberg, Principal, Bromberg Law LLC and Rutgers Law School, Lecturer, *Election Law & the Political Process*Â Â

Commissioner Hovland **previously interviewed election officials** on how they serve and engage student voters in their communities.
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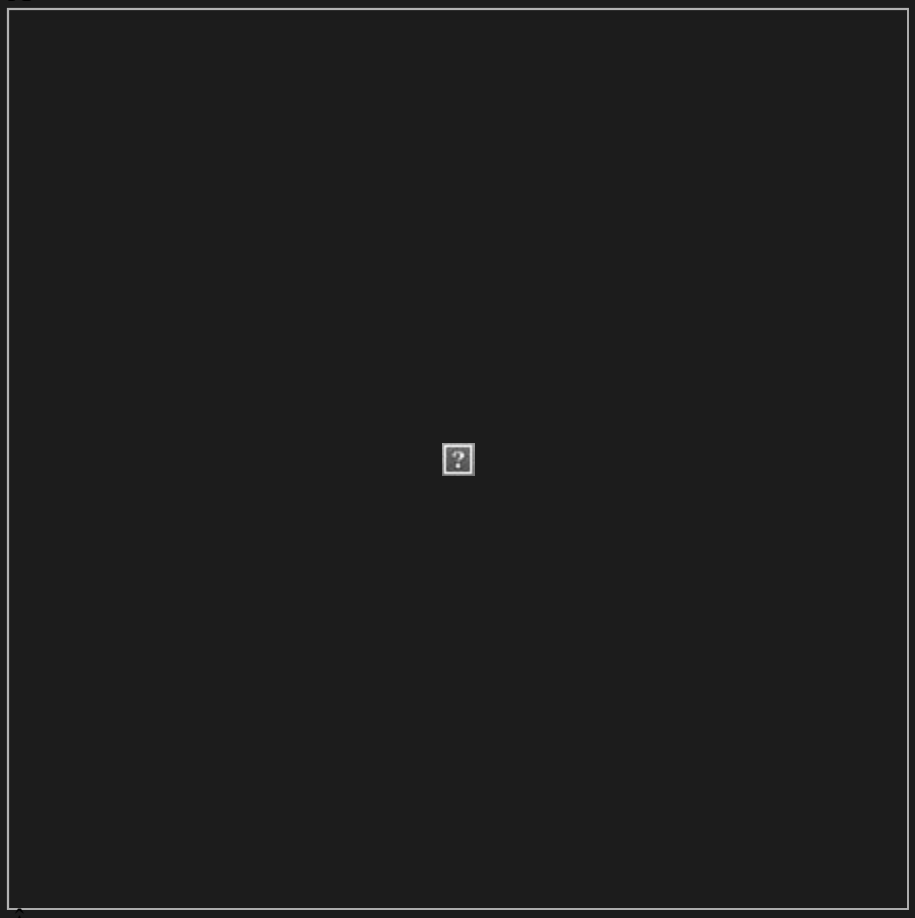

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Congratulations to EAC Vice Chair Ben Hovland (left), Kim Smith, EAC Senior Election Subject Matter Expert (center), and EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks (right), who graduated from the Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) program. This is the highest professional achievement for those who work in elections. This multi-year course of study is taught by faculty from Auburn Universityâs Master in Public Administration program in partnership with the Election Center. The program focuses on the management of elections administration, as well as the promotion and preservation of public trust

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in the democratic process. The EACâ s Clearinghouse team includes several subject matter experts who previously earned CERA certifications, including Steven Daitch, Sara Brady, and Heider Garcia.Â Â

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 Migration

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Reminder: **VVSG 2.0 Migration tools and resources** are available on eac.gov. These resources include talking points to help communicate with media, the public, and stakeholders, as well as customizable graphic templates, the Secure Elections Toolkit, and the EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet.

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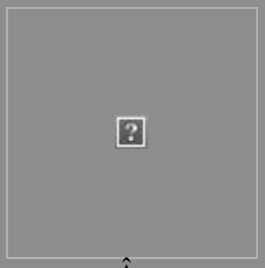

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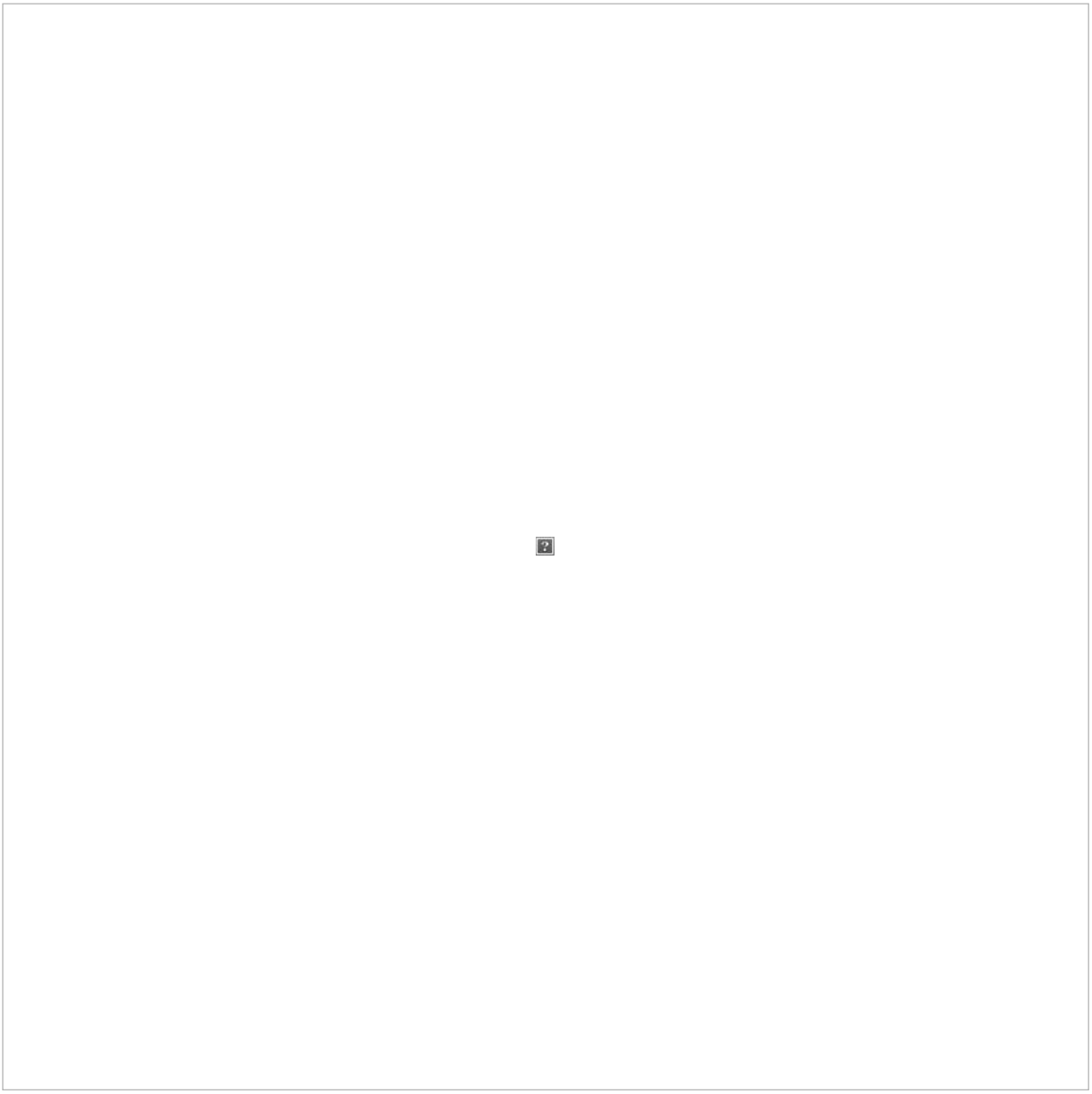

Dear Chuck,

As fall approaches, two important events that resonate with the core of the American spirit are on the horizon. First and foremost is the unveiling of ALEC's latest model policies. And second â as children start the new school year â is the resurgence of the drive for educational freedom, a cause that should strike a chord with every parent and policymaker as our little ones â and not-so-little ones â return to the halls of learning.

I've always held a sense of pride in ALEC's ability over the past 50 years to provide trusted policy solutions to the critical issues facing our country. Following our Annual Meeting in Orlando, ALEC officially adopted **23 new model policies** on issues ranging from ranked-choice voting (RCV) and artificial intelligence (AI) to central bank digital currency (CBDC) and politicized investment strategies like ESG. Our model policies are sure to resonate with the pulse of the nation.

While the federal machinery of higher taxes and strangling regulations churns on, it is left to the states to stand as a beacon of hope and leadership. ALEC members, who have earned the trust of the American people, have answered that call and responded with visionary policies that stand guard over our freedoms. Especially when it comes to education.

As a parent and new grandparent, I know what it's like to imagine the best for our children and their future. The hope for the best, the dream of accomplishment, and the fear of everything standing in their way. These are not dreams to be left to the whims of bureaucrats driven by ivory-towered principles. Rather it is the sacred duty of every parent and local community to

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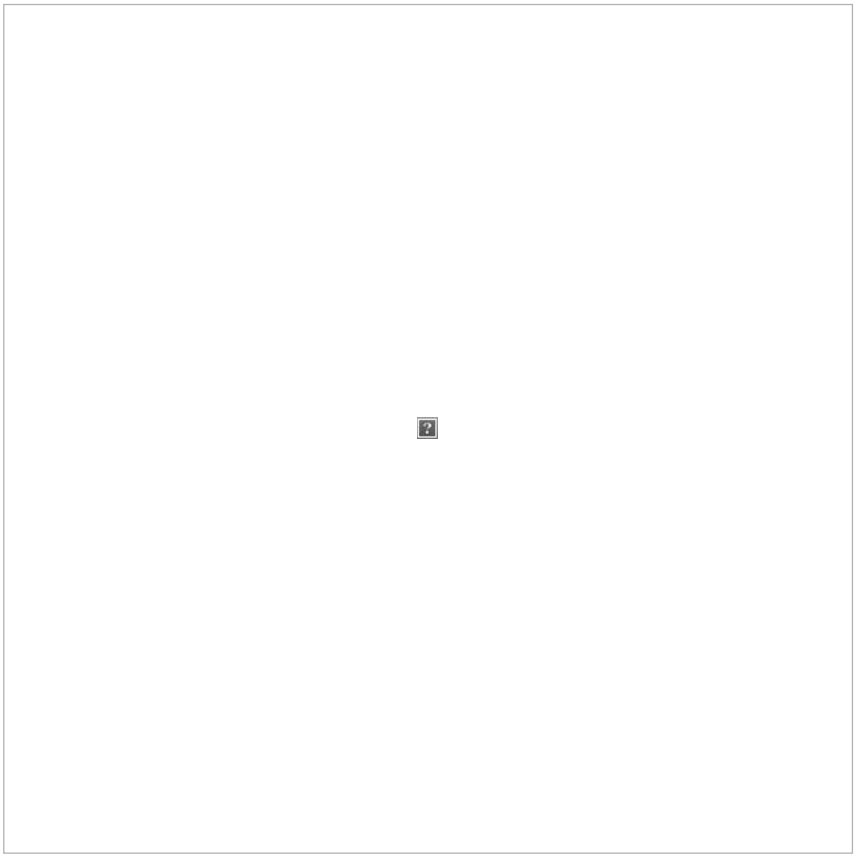
navigate. The notion that distant voices in Washington should dictate the lessons and instructions our children receive is a departure from our cherished principles of federalism. The place for educational decision-making should rest firmly within the states.

Educational freedom and opportunity are the very essence of our mission. The dedication of ALEC to this noble cause is unwavering, and the influence of our members in this arena is both profound and undeniable. That's why the latest installment in our **50th Anniversary video series** focuses on our work over the years and success in the realm of education.



All across our great nation, parents are raising their voices to call for alternatives to the current educational offerings. Thanks to the courage of legislators like Arizona Speaker of the House Ben Toma, West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker, Iowa Speaker Pro Tem John Wills, and many more, the states are raising the banner of universal education freedom, paving the way for a brighter future.

Working hand in hand with esteemed partners like the Center for Education Reform, Stride, Lifelong Learning, Stand Together, EdChoice and many more, this movement is sweeping the nation, fueled by the passion of parents and students who demand the best education.

In the last three years alone, that educational freedom momentum can be found in:

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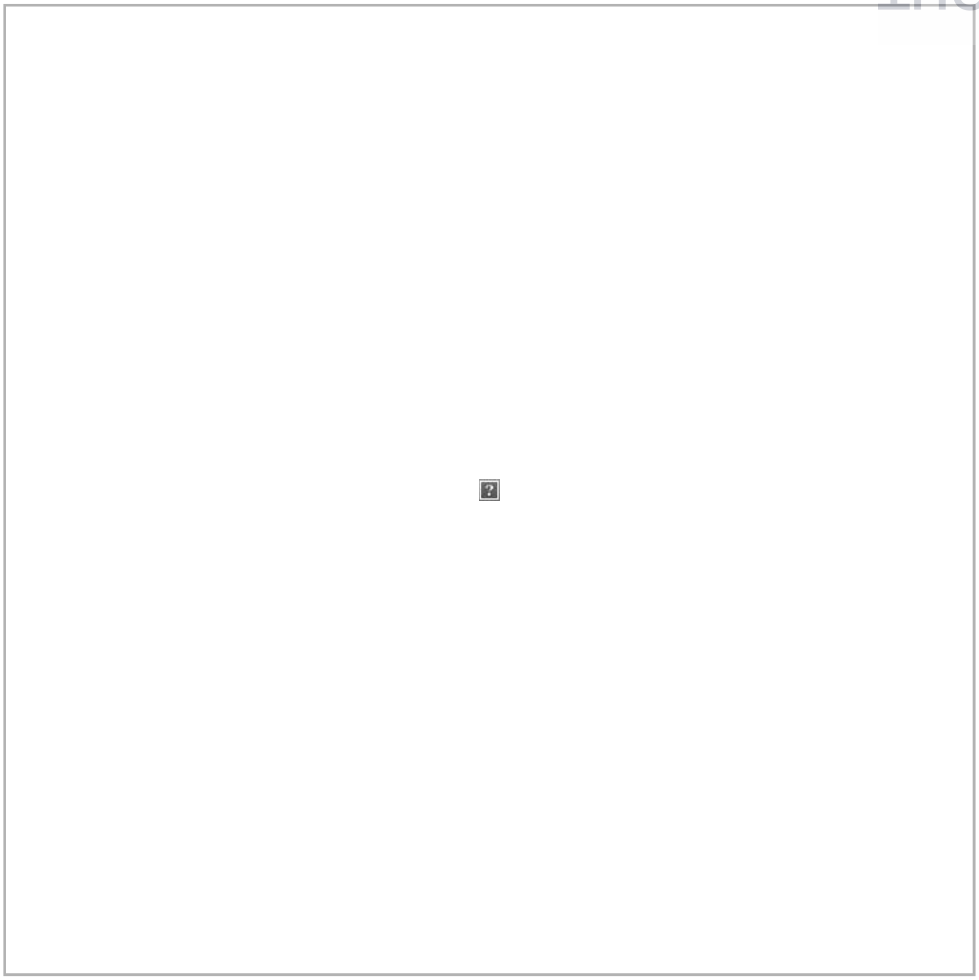

By the year 2025, we envision 25 states embracing universal education freedom policies, placing authority where it rightfully belongs â in the hands of parents. Let us not merely brush the door ajar; let us blast it open with such force that every parent across this land is free to chart a course that fulfills their child's aspirations.

You also might have noticed a **recent OpEd in the Wall Street Journal** co-authored by ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform Research Director Thomas Savidge and ALEC Health & Human Service Senior Task Force Director Brooklyn Roberts. If you havenâ t, you can **read it here**. In a nutshell, the piece asks if the expansion of Medicaid under ACA could mean bigger bills for the states after the federal government lost its AAA credit rating.

Before closing, a quick reminder about our **50th Anniversary Gala**, set for October 4th at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. This celebration, five decades in the making, pays homage to the steadfast leaders who have forged the course of American governance by applying our shared principles of limited government, free markets and federalism. And it also recognizes the leadership of the future with our **50 Under 50** who will be showcased at the event.

We need you there. We want you there. And, if you have the time, we'd love to thank you in person for all the years of your support.

Please, **join us for this historic occasion**, as we honor history, salute innovation, and reaffirm our commitment to the bedrock principles that anchor our democracy.

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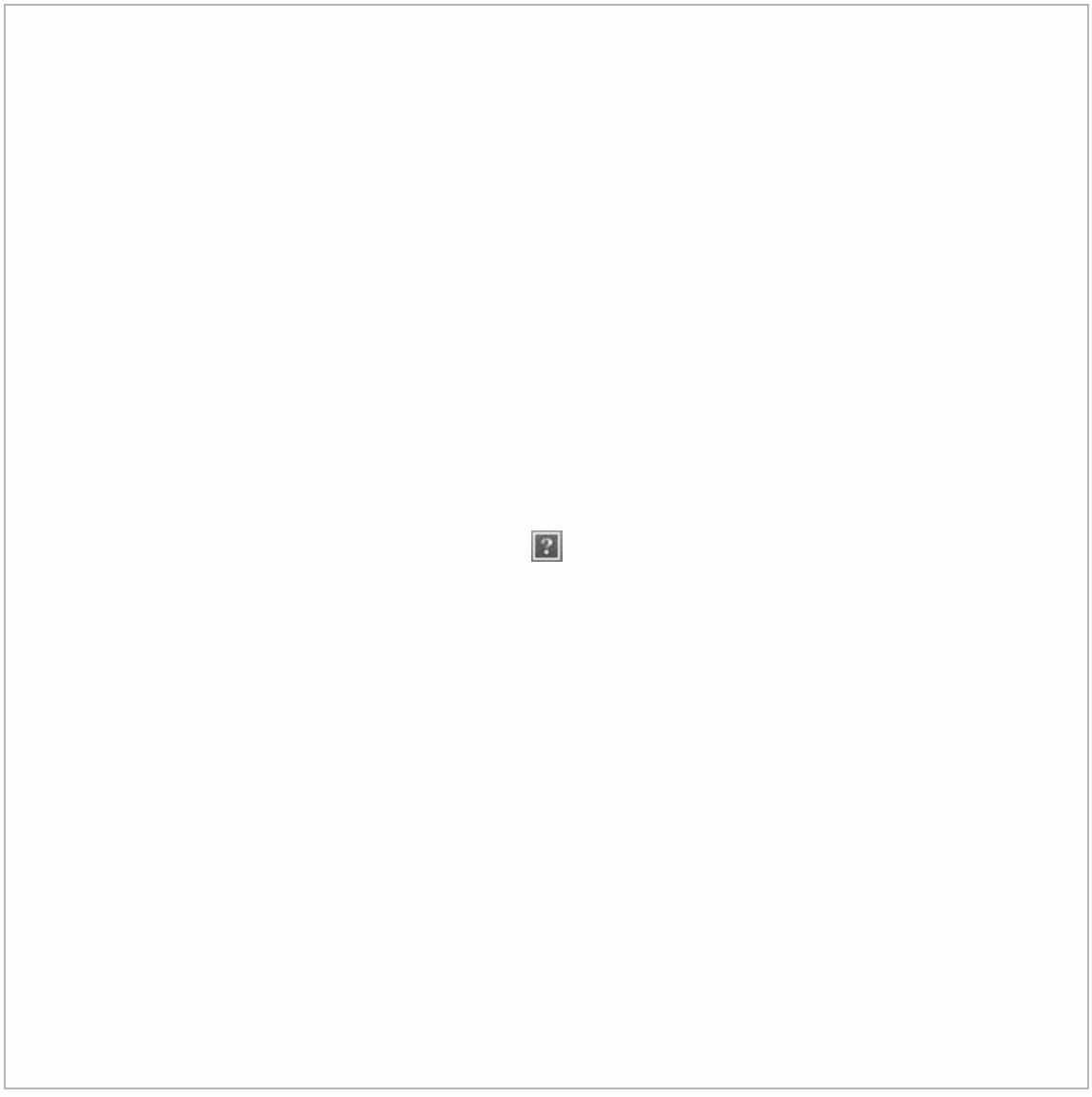

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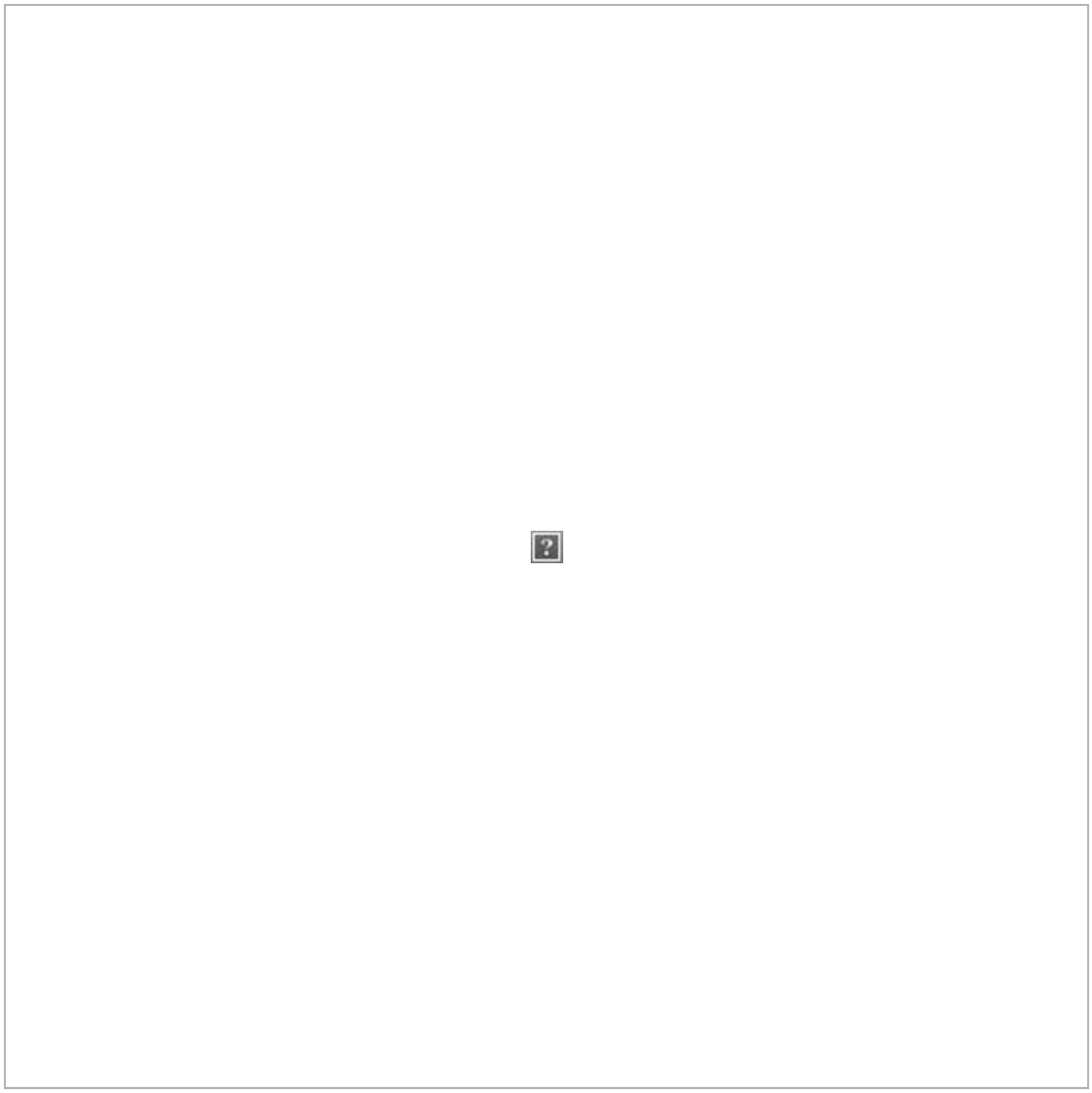

Dear Chuck,

The **2023 Fall ALEC Internship Program** starts next month!

Do you know someone who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or is a recent grad and wants to gain real world work experience? Do they have a strong commitment to Jeffersonian principals? If so, our internship program is a great opportunity to work with state legislators from across the political spectrum in an effort to advance proven, data-driven solutions within the states.

ALEC offers our interns a robust program in one of five areas:

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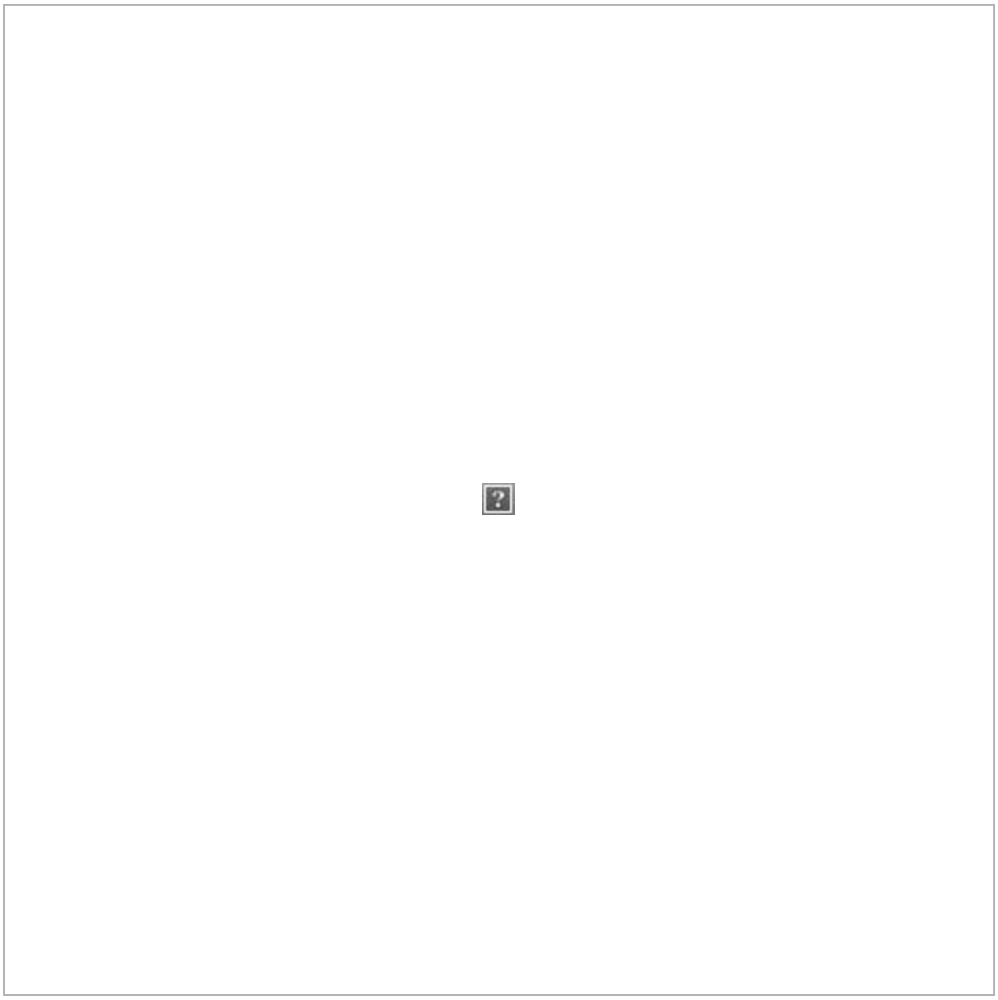

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I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Dear Hon. Gray,

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and we can't help but think about the young leaders who originally founded the organization. In recognition of this incredible milestone, we want to honor the original founders by choosing 50 state and locally elected officials who personify the principles of ALEC and tirelessly promote limited government, free markets, and federalism to be our ALEC 50 Under 50.

Congratulations, you have been nominated! We asked our Board of Directors, our Private Enterprise Advisory Council, our State Chairs, and staff

to identify their colleagues who champion policy governed by those ideas and to submit those names for this effort and received hundreds of nominations â with nominees as young as 20!

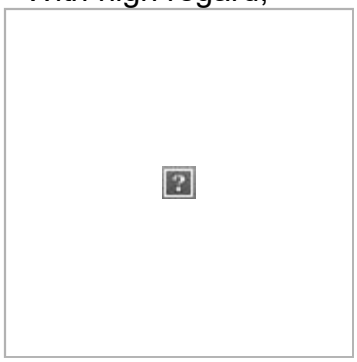
If you would like to be considered for this recognition, please make sure you have an active ALEC membership. If you are not a member or are unsure of your current membership status, please reach out to your regional Legislative Outreach Manager **Aaron Gillham** at agillham@alec.org or (513) 702-5761.

Final recipients will be notified by August 15th. If selected, you will be invited to our **ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala** celebration in Washington, D.C., on October 4th and will be recognized by the 2023 ALEC National Chairman Representative Daniel Perez (FL).

If you cannot accept this award for whatever reason, please let my colleague Megan Snitchler (msnitchler@alec.org) know by COB on August 7, 2023.

We are grateful to you for your commitment to our values of limited government and free markets and hope you will become a big part of our future efforts to educate state lawmakers!

With high regard,



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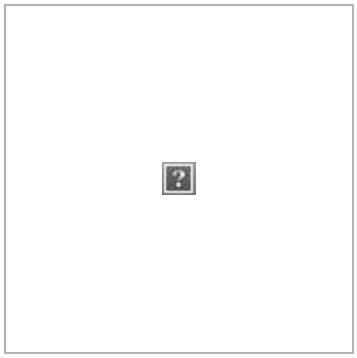

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2023 ALEC National Chair

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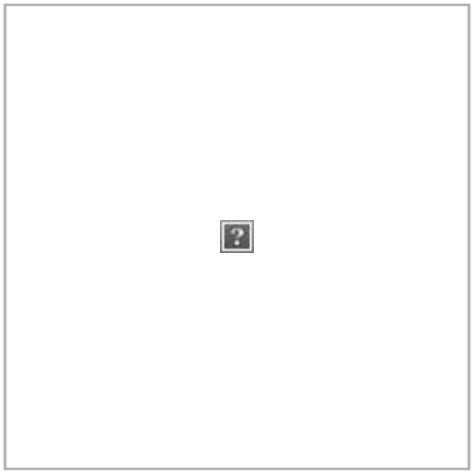

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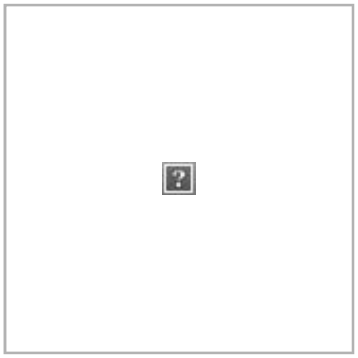

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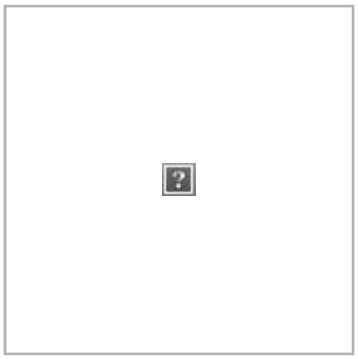

Sen. Jim Dotson
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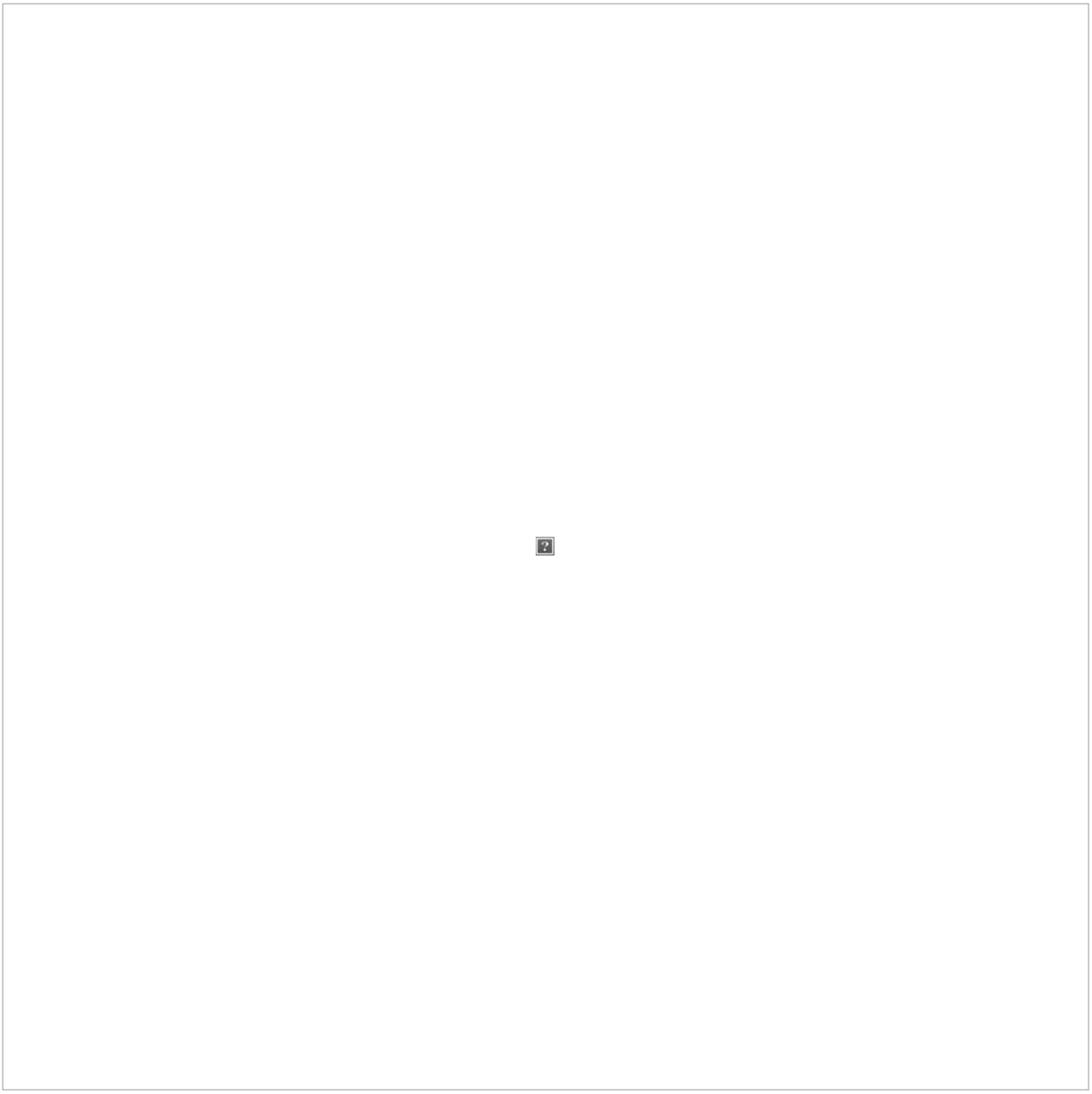

Dear Chuck,

Wow - what a week!

Everyone who made it down to Orlando, FL, for our 50th Annual Meeting were treated to an incredible lineup of speakers and presenters including Governors, Senators, Ambassadors, and more.

We kicked things off on Wednesday with a welcoming address from **Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis**.

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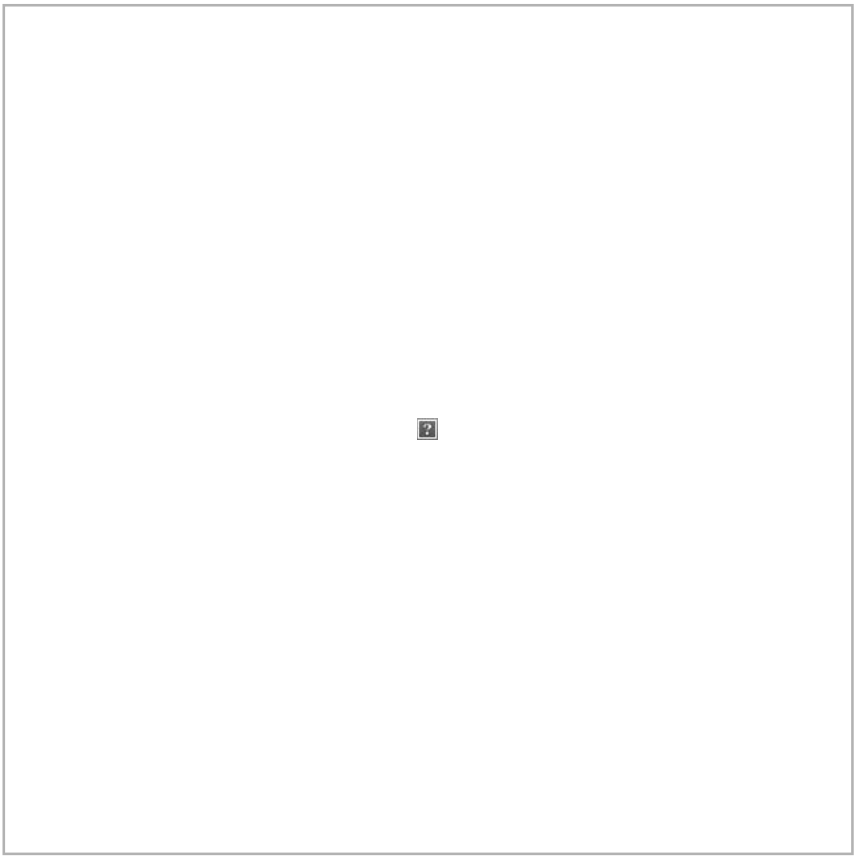
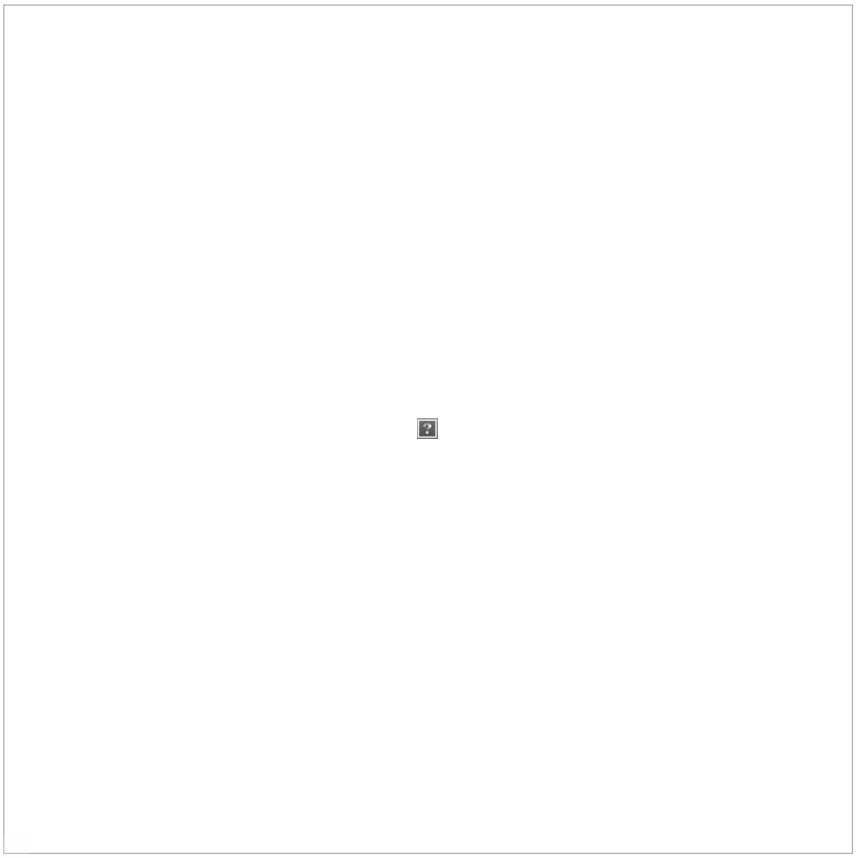


Thursday morning we were treated to a discussion by Dr. Arthur Laffer & Cathie Wood about **innovation on Wall Street & in America's educational system**.



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Thursday afternoon we focused on education, education, and education with messages from Arkansas **Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders**, Iowa **Gov. Kim Reynolds**, and Yass Prize recipients **Rob Blevins**, **Cris Gulacy-Worrel**, **Jose Suarez**, **Kenisha Skaggs**, and **David Wofford**.

Friday opened with a prayer from **Dr. Ben Carson**, a powerful speech on political responsibility from Texas **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick**, and a thoughtful panel on proposed changes to the electronic payment systems with **Grover Norquist, Julian Morris, and Steve Rauschenberger**.

Our conference came to a close Friday afternoon with a message from Florida Senators **Rick Scott & Marco Rubio** and The James Madison Institute's Sal Nuzzo.

This week was a non-stop collaboration of leaders and legislators from both sides of the aisle as we continue to discuss, debate, and defend the principles that make our organization and country great - limited government, free markets, and federalism. There were countless discussions on innovating and regulating artificial intelligence, pushing back against politicized investment strategies, and how to free today's parents and students from the educational industrial complex.

If you made it down to Orlando, great! If not, we missed you! And, you missed a great opportunity to learn about critical issues and grow your network. Please make plans to join us in DC for our October 4th 50th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. And, at the end of the year, in Scottsdale, AZ for our States and Nation Policy Summit.

Enjoy the last of these summer weeks!

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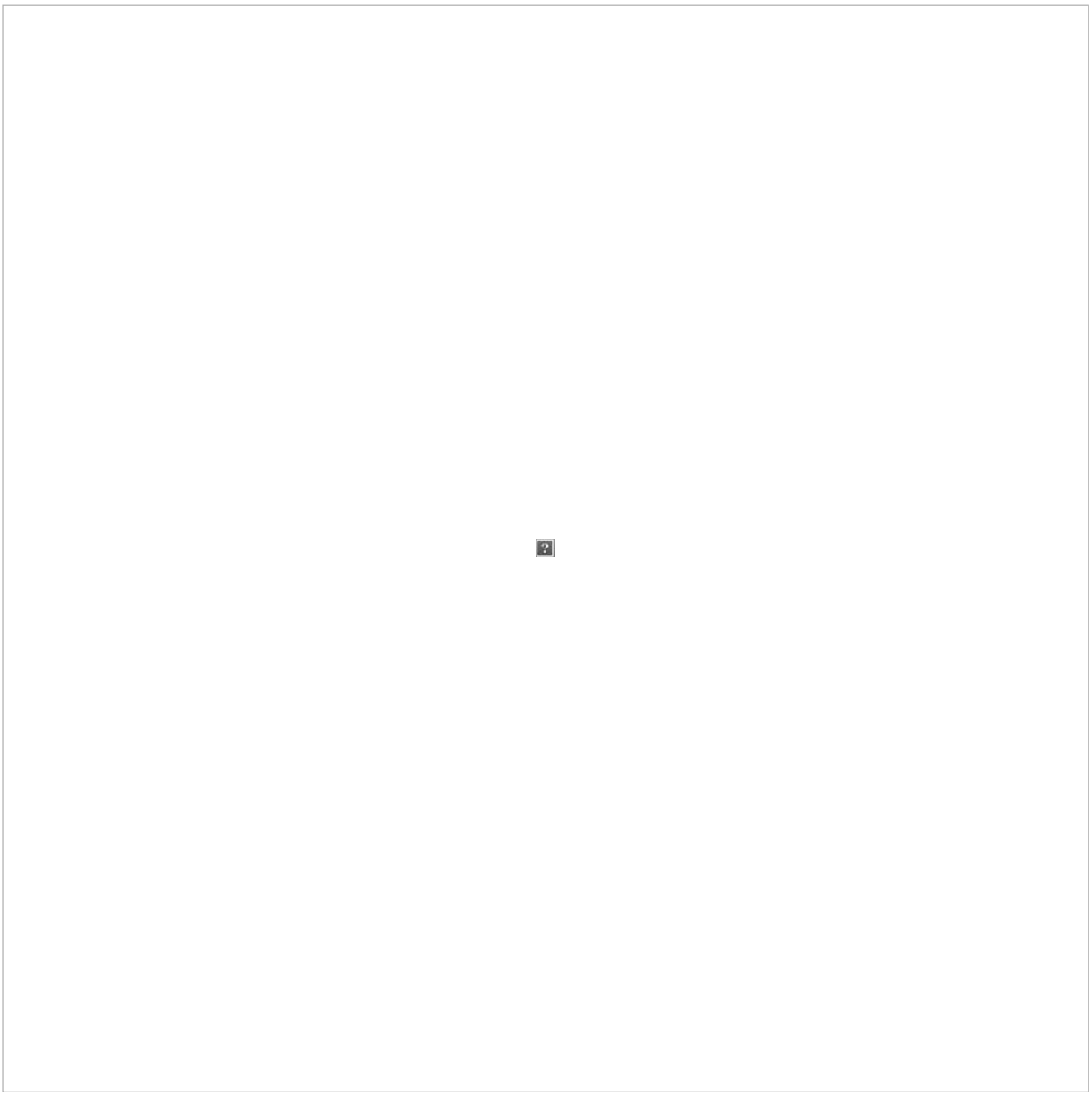

Chuck,

We are days away from the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting and we canâ t wait to see so many of you in Orlando, FL! See below for a peek at all the exciting things we have planned for the week along with the full agenda for the meeting. Donâ t miss out! There is still time to join us in the sunshine state if you havenâ t already registered!

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Agenda Spotlight:

~~Wednesday, July 26~~

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

The question of how to best keep teens safe online has dominated state houses and will likely continue to be a major theme of legislative sessions in 2024. Florida was no different, passing a law that will require all public-school students to take classes on social media safety. As lawmakers across the country grapple with such a critical issue, there is a real danger that well-intentioned proposals could erode first amendment rights, establish a co-parenting relationship with the government, and create needless cybersecurity vulnerabilities that leave all internet users worse off. In this workshop, we will explore the dangers teens face online and what lawmakers at the state level can do to protect them when using social media platforms without compromising our core values of personal responsibility, individual freedom, and limited government.

Thursday, July 27

A Revolution in Modern-Day Entertainment: Fantasy Sports

Sports entertainment is changing to be more interactive, thoughtful, and engaging. With over 25 millions Americans playing Daily Fantasy Sports today, industry innovation drives growth and helps people become more involved in sports through apps that track results, create communities for chat with friends, and permit contests based on athlete performance. Join this session to hear from PrizePicks, the largest independently owned fantasy sports operator in North America to discuss industry innovation, legal precedent for games of skill, and what the future may hold for lawmakers and consumers alike.

~~Friday, July 28~~

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NEW! Veteran's Affairs Policy Working Group

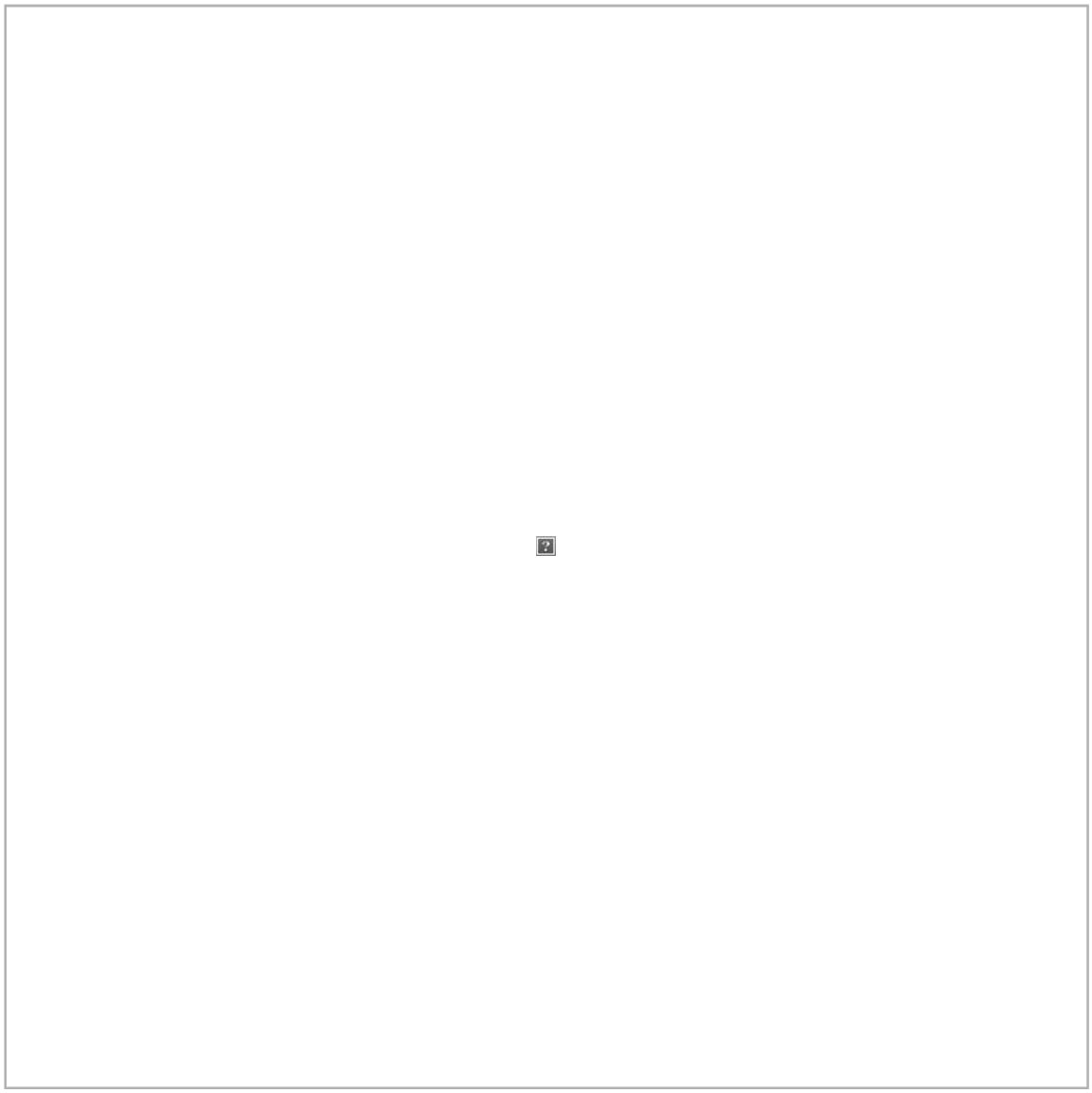
Join us for the inaugural meeting of the ALEC Veteransâ Affairs Policy Working Group. It will explore most pressing policy issues for Americaâ s veterans and their families. The working group will be led by U.S. Army veteran and ALEC Board of Directors member, Speaker Pro Tem John Wills of Iowa.

ALEC 50th Anniversary party - Families Invited!

ALEC is turning 50! Join us at the JW Marriott Pool as we end an exciting 50th ALEC Annual Meeting and continue to celebrate this anniversary year. The party will include pool floats, games, drinks and more! Bring your families and donâ t miss the celebration!

Canâ t join the fun? Mark your calendar for October 4th in Washington, DC where we will formally celebrate this golden anniversary and 50 years of trusted policy solutions from ALEC at the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala.

Full Agenda



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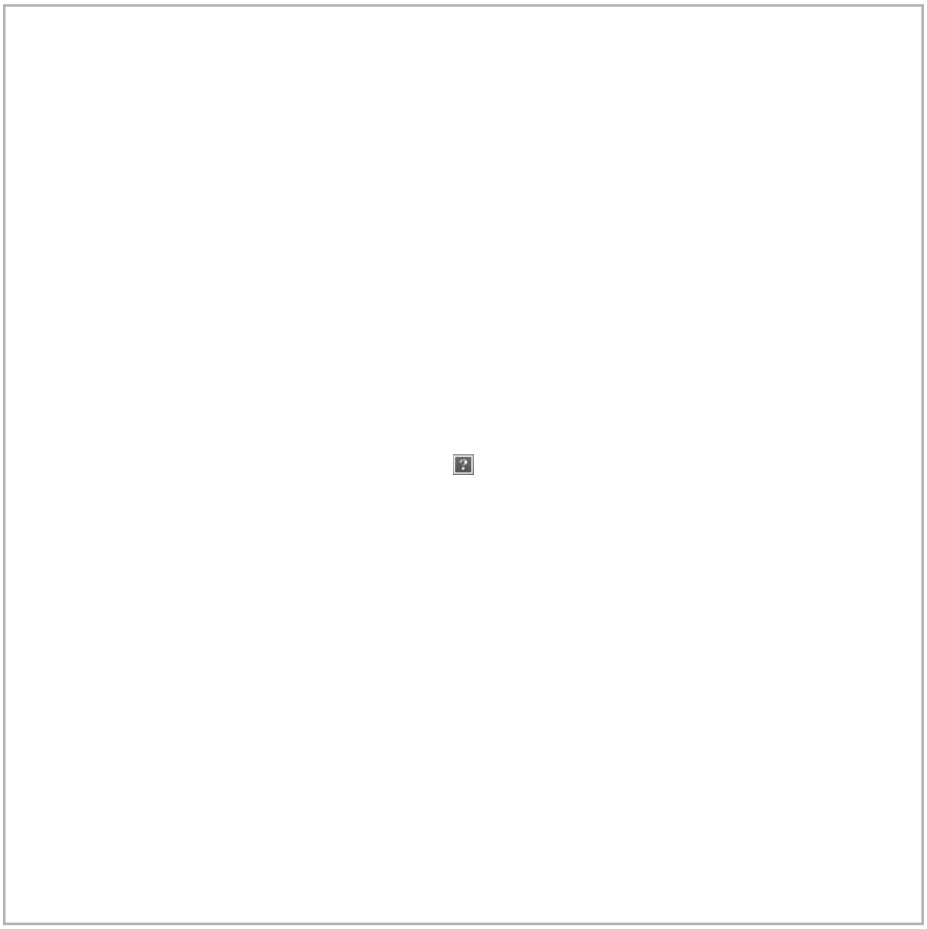

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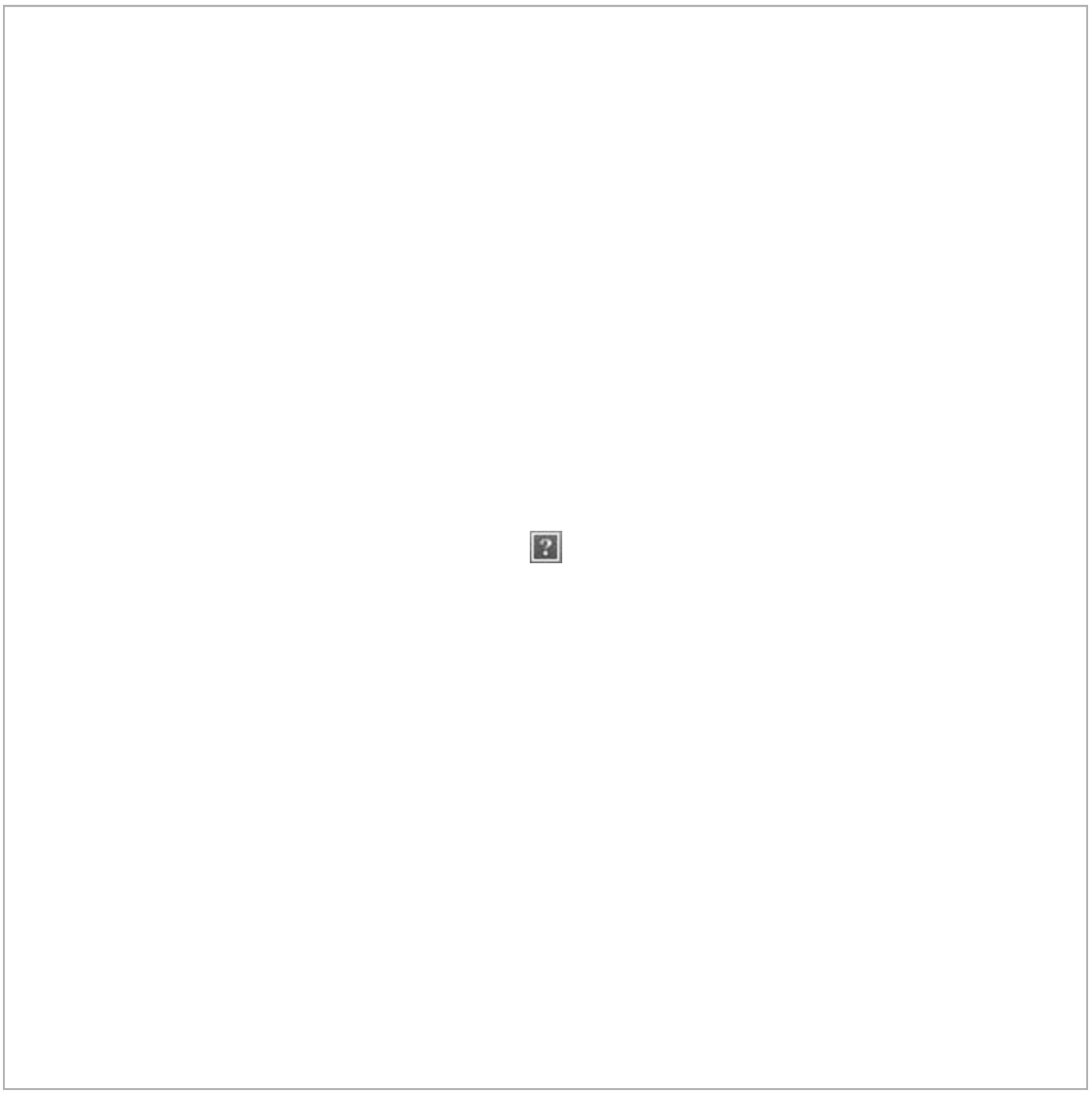

Dear Chuck,

With just over two weeks until our 50th ALEC Annual Meeting we want to keep you updated on the agenda as it continues to take shape.

Listed below are a few events that you wonâ t want to miss!

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July 25 **8:00 PM** **Late Night Dessert & Coffee Reception to Continue the Conversation: Post-*Dobbs* Impact in the States to Protect Life**	**July 26** **5:30 - 8:00 PM** **Florida Welcome Reception: at Universal CityWalk**	**July 28** **2:00 - 4:00 PM** **ALEC 50th Anniversary Party - Families Invited!**

Meeting Agenda

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Timely topics for discussion include:

Making Broadband Investment Count While Protecting Taxpayer Funds

Billions in federal broadband dollars will be disbursed imminently across the states, with each state set to receive at least $100 million to connect unserved and underserved communities. Explore how you can be a good steward of your state's broadband allocation by employing best practices and guarding against waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds.

The Bright Lights of Liberty: The Big State Wins that Make Us More Free and Drive the Left Crazy

The list of challenges is long. The hours are short. And the left

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continues its march. But some state leaders have kept the lamp of liberty buring bright. We see it every day. Despite having businesses to run, families to care for, and communities with real needs, state legislators are winning big fights against government overreach, dependency, and wokeness. If you're not feeling the heat from that lamp of liberty yet, join us. Let us share real state-level success stories from this past year and help you build a playbook for 2024 and beyond!

The Perils and the Promise of Teen Online Safety Legislation

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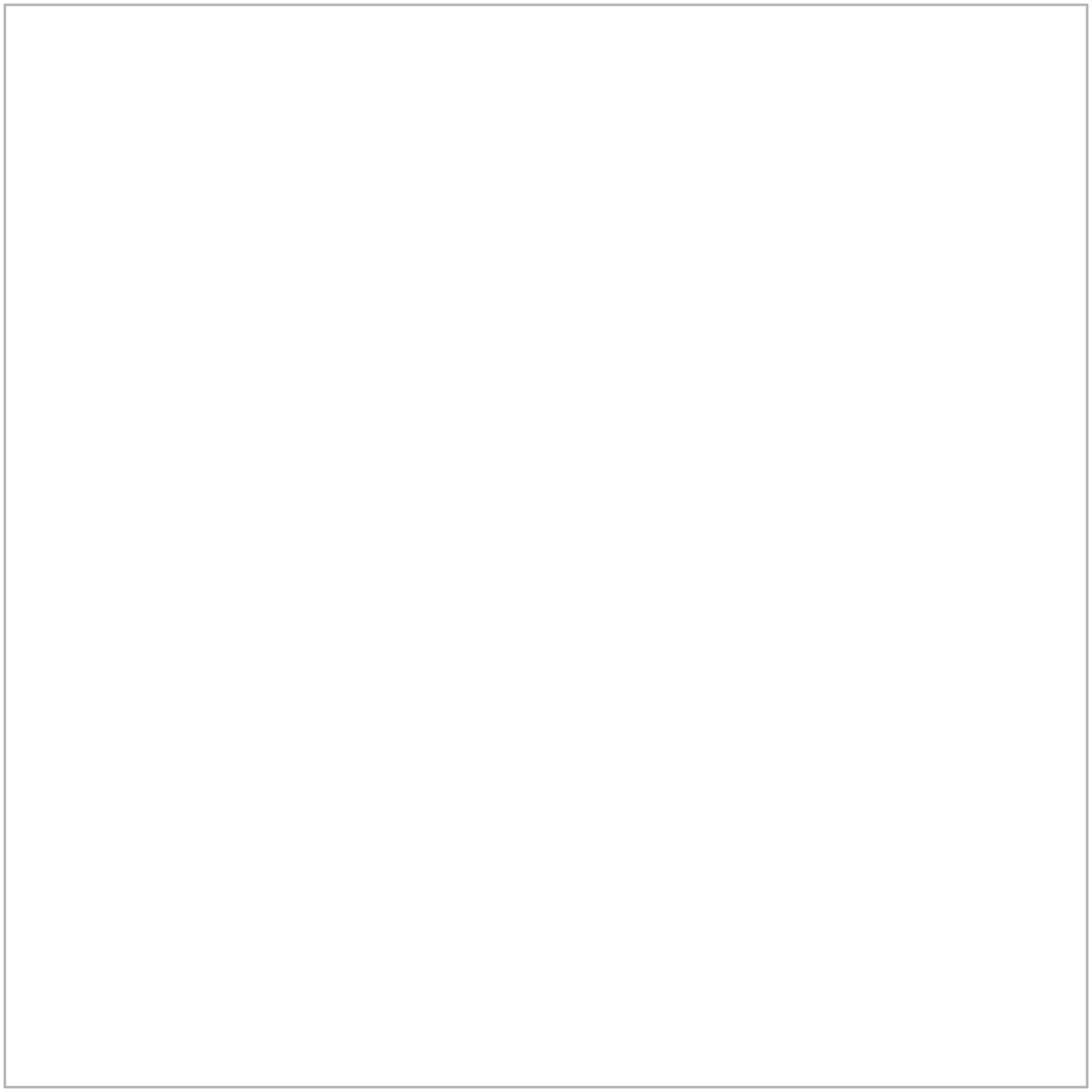

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We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting â and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at **meetings@alec.org**.

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Dear Chuck,

Independence Day serves as the perfect opportunity each year to remind ourselves of America's founding and the relevance of the idea of federalism from the beginning.

The culmination of our nationâ s path to independence began on June 7, 1776 when Richard Henry Lee, a Delegate from Virginia to the Continental Congress, offered a motion to draft the declaration on behalf of â free and independent Statesâ . Thomas Jefferson was given the

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task of authoring the document and completed his work over the next 17 days.

Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence on July 2, with news and celebrations erupting in the states by July 4.

Of course, declaring independence hadnâ t established any new form of government. That task lay ahead â and the Founders focused the lionâ s share of their debates on a singular question:

How powerful should the federal government be relative to the power of the states?

Congress ultimately supported Jeffersonâ s view that power should rest with the states and created a federalist system of government that reserves all powers to the states, unless the Constitution prescribed it to the federal government.

As you know, this federalist framework of the Constitution has been tested time and again over the years.

At ALEC, our mission has been to **defend and foster federalism**. Weâ ve worked for 50 years to train state legislators and advance limited government policies that align with the Founders vision for a prosperous America.

That is why we are releasing our **next video** in our 50th anniversary series today on this important topic of Federalism.

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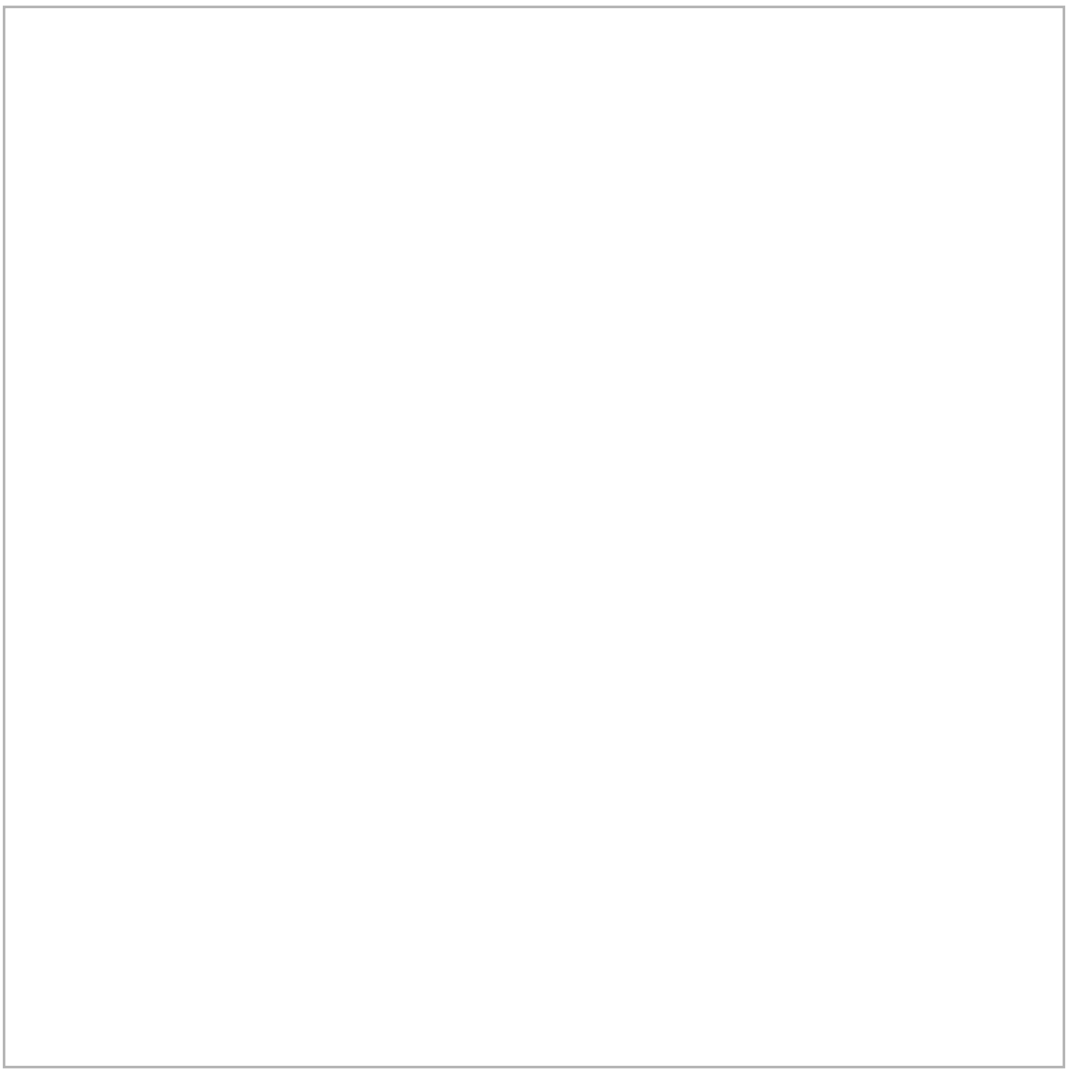

Under the Biden administration, federalism has been pushed to the brink with 116 executive orders and 590 final rules that seek to diminish the authority of the states.

One simple example is the federal governmentâ s control over the way farmers and ranchers operate their businesses. Federal regulations that prevent state decisions on meat processing helped contribute to shortages and rising prices, as much as 8.2% in 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To that end, ALECâ s Joe Trotter **testified in front of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee** recently, urging Congress to allow states to tailor their approach to help farmers and ranchers thrive.

The authority of states is also under threat at the local level. At an increasing rate, local governments are attempting to address questions that should be left to state legislatures. Worse still, local governments are also finding ways to contravene state law.

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Keep an eye out for the upcoming ALEC paper on the Dillon Rule and how it can help solve the problem of runaway governments and restore the rightful authority of state legislatures.

Of course, these efforts to check the powers of federal and local governments work in tandem with ALECâ s 50-year track record of advancing sound state policies.

We are taking to the airwaves to share ALECâ s message about the importance of statesâ rights. Tune into the **Hugh Hewitt Show** in coming weeks to hear messages from ALEC on his nationally syndicated program.

In recent weeks, state legislators from 20 different states collaborated on tax policy, civil justice, and criminal justice at three separate ALEC policy academies in New York, Oklahoma, and Virginia. They made headway on protecting pensions from politicized investment strategies and shielding property owners from excessive taxation. More than a dozen additional academies are planned over the course of this year.

These policy areas â and more than 30 draft model policies on the most pressing issues â will be on the docket at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting on July 26-28. We will focus on timeless principles such as federalism as well as cutting-edge issues like artificial intelligence and, central bank digital currencies.

If youâ re not already registered for the **Annual Meeting**, youâ ll want to reserve your spot today so you can contribute to these important discussions. We already have a record number of registrations and an exciting lineup of speakers, including several governors from across the country.

As we celebrate Independence Day and prepare for the next 50 years in this mission, I am grateful for these words from Ronald Reagan:

> â Now, with a new federalism firmly established, and government refocused on the states, you must carry on our work.
>
> â The achievements of ALEC and the talents of your members convinces me that you are up to the challenge that our new federalism can lead to a new renaissance for America.â

Thank you for helping drive the effort to defend and strengthen federalism.

Your friend,

Lisa B. Nelson

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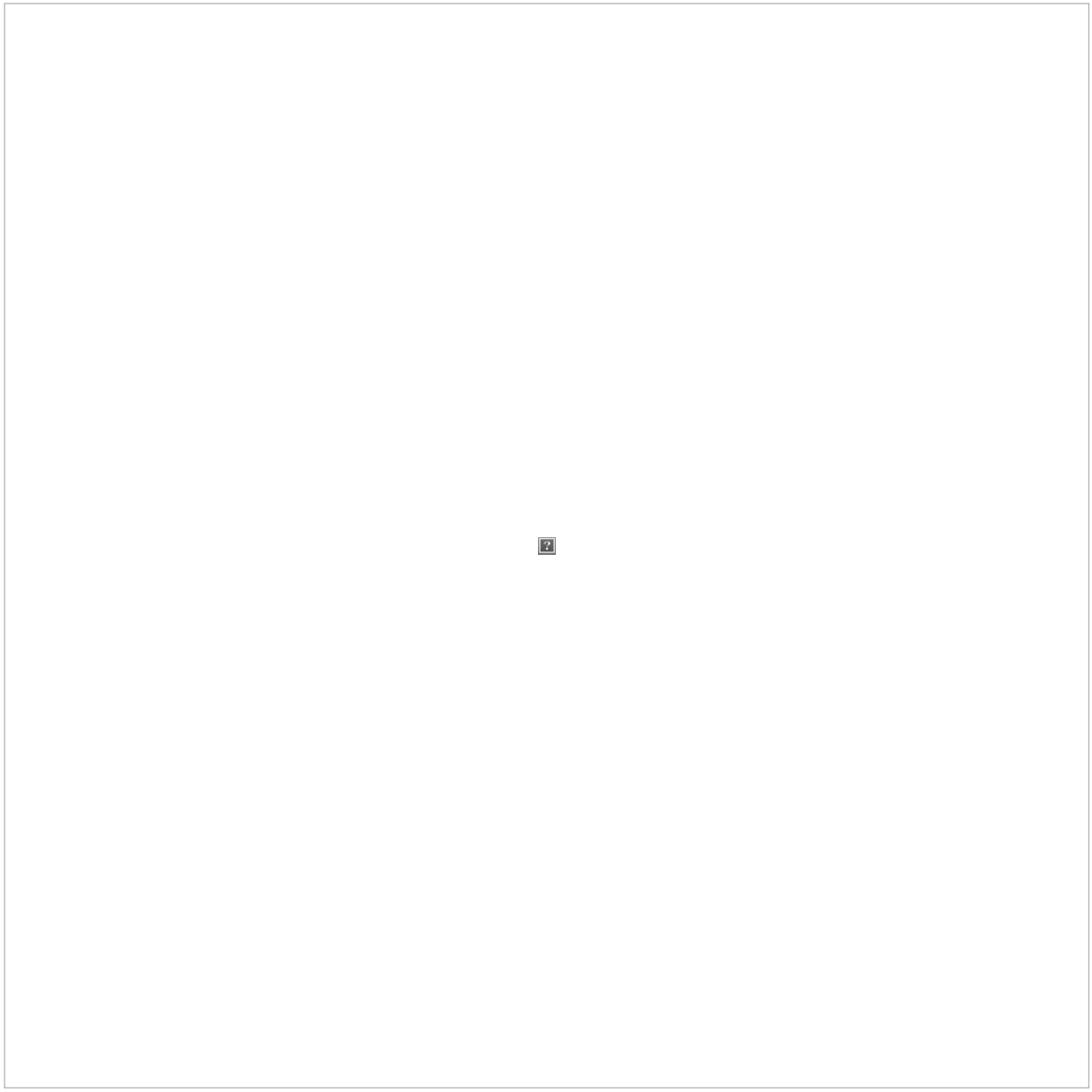

Dear Chuck,

Please join us in Orlando July 26- 28, to strategize with America's top state policymakers and grow your knowledge of limited government solutions.

There is no shortage of policy topics for this meeting, and we will be celebrating the unprecedented success across the country this year on education and fiscal reform and ESG in addition to many other issues.

Agenda Topics to Include:

- Online Safety for Teens
- Broadband Expansion
- Artificial Intelligence
- Human Trafficking

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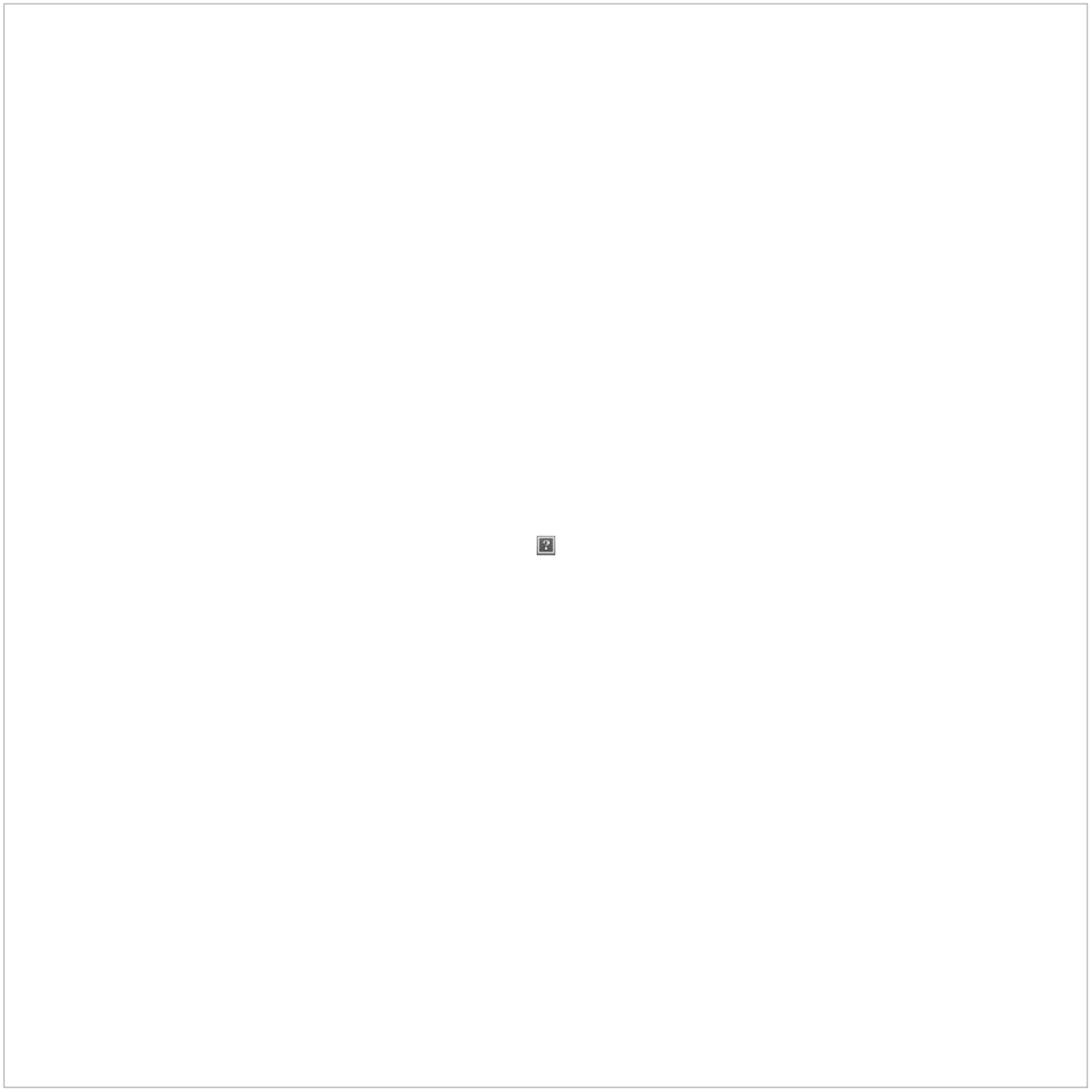
block **ends June 28,** or when availability runs out.

As a reminder, to receive information on our VIRTUAL subcommittee meetings, you must be registered by Friday, July 14. The subcommittee meetings will be held virtually from July 18th - 21st.

The full meeting agenda is here.

Meeting Agenda



You wonâ t want to miss this yearâ s Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and **after hours access into Universal Studios**.

Want to find more to do while youâ re at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting? Click here and explore the possibilities!

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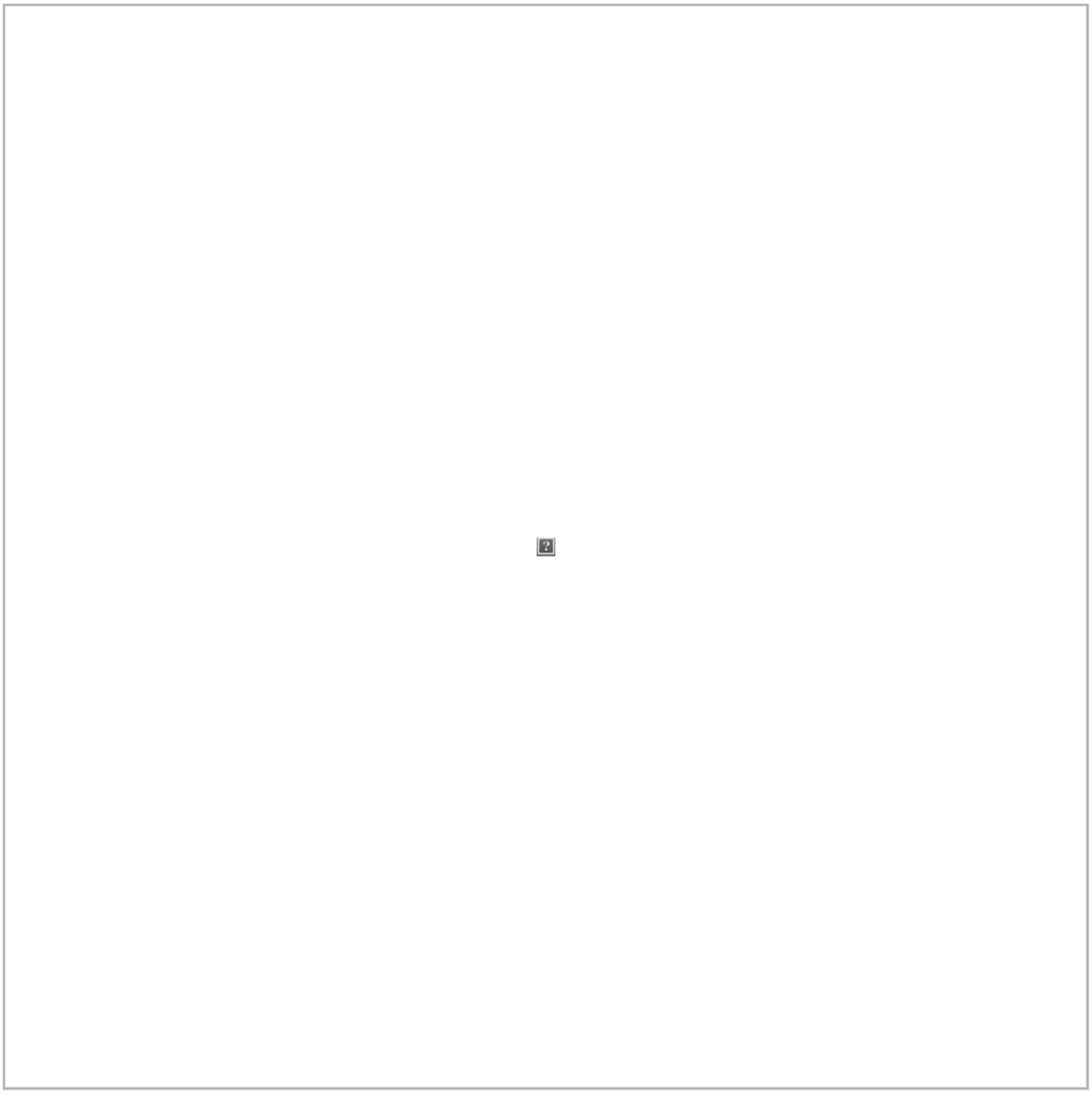

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From: J. Kenneth Blackwell
To: secofstate@wyo.gov
Subject: Please sign this letter seeking to defund Executive Order 14019
Date: Friday, June 16, 2023 4:31:08 AM

Rarely do I reach out asking for a personal favor. I do so today because I am profoundly concerned about the illegal use of taxpayer dollars for political campaign activities.

I am asking you sign a letter that calls on Congress to include language in the FY 2024 appropriations bills that prohibits the use of any federal dollars, personnel, or resources from being used to implement Executive Order 14019 or for any purposes related to programs, activities, and projects pursuant to that Executive Order.

President Bidenâ s Executive Order 14019 directs all federal agencies to develop a â voter registrationâ and â voter educationâ plan, using federal personnel, federal tax dollars and other federal agency resources for these political campaign activities.

Together with the American Constitutional Rights Union Action Fund, Lori Roman and I are working tirelessly to engage Congress in the fight against this Executive Order. It is important that state officials speak out against these illegal activities. Your signature will help me immensely. I appreciate your swift response.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information and Lori Roman or I will provide you with anything you need. If you would rather not receive updates like this, please let me know.

I've pasted the text of the letter below that includes a list of signers as of yesterday. Below is the link for you to add your signature to the letter. Or, if it is easier, just reply to this mail with your name and title, and we can add your signature.

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Best regards,

The Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell
Chairman, Conservative Action Project
Chairman, ACRU Action, Inc.

Congress Should Defund the Unconstitutional Biden Executive Order 14019 That Uses Federal Agencies and Tax Dollars for Political Campaign Activities

June 13, 2023
Washington, DC
Signatures updated: 6/15/23

Conservatives call on Congress to include language in the FY 2024 appropriations bills that prohibits the use of any federal dollars, personnel, or resources from being used to implement Executive Order 14019, or for any purposes related to programs, activities, and projects pursuant to that Executive Order.

On March 7, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14019 which directed all federal agencies to develop a â voter registrationâ and â voter educationâ plan, using federal personnel, federal tax dollars and other federal agency resources for these political campaign activities.

The origin of the Executive Order to use the vast resources of the federal government for voter registration and voter education and turnout was not Congress; rather, the idea for the Executive Order originated with Demos, a leftwing organization, and was subsequently embraced by numerous leftist groups. Every federal agency was directed to submit to the White House Office of Domestic Policy a plan for compliance with the Executive Order, which were due on September 23, 2021.

Since issuance of the Executive Order, the Biden Administration has refused to provide any of the agency plans to Congress or to any citizens organization or media outlets seeking copies of the plans. Despite multiple letters to President Biden signed by Republican members of Congress, demanding copies of the agenciesâ plans and requesting information about the use of federal dollars for campaign activities, no information has been provided to any member of Congress or the general public. Notwithstanding the refusal of the Biden Administration to disclose any information about the implementation of the Executive Order, federal agencies appear to be utilizing federal resources for political campaign activities.

Congress should stop the funding of the illegal use of taxpayer dollars for political campaign activities, including but not limited to the White Houseâ s distribution of federal grants to unknown nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) approved solely by the partisan political operatives in the Biden White House.

The use of federal tax dollars to fund political activities by federal agencies and grants to undisclosed, partisan

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leftist organizations engaged in political campaign activities is unconstitutional, illegal, and must be stopped. Congress must exercise the power of the purse to ensure that federal agencies engage solely in their statutory missions as directed by Congress and that the ultra vires activities dictated by the unlawful Executive Order 14019 must not be allowed to continue.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 14, 2023

EAC Commissioners Issue Joint Statement on Released Report on Dominion ImageCast X Component

WASHINGTON, DCâ Â A report was released June 14 that details vulnerabilities related to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission-certified Dominion ImageCast X component. Regarding the findings on this report, Chairwoman Christy McCormick, Vice Chair Ben Hovland, Commissioner Donald Palmer, and Commissioner Thomas Hicks issued the following joint statement:

> â The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) works diligently to ensure the security and accuracy of Americaâ s elections, as envisioned in the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Last year, the EAC issued guidance for election officials on mitigating potential vulnerabilities, including some identified in the recently released report. Additionally, the EAC certified fixes for the vulnerabilities identified in the report. The EAC is dedicated to supporting election officials as they work to administer secure elections and transition to VVSG 2.0 in the years ahead.
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> In recent testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the EAC noted efforts to implement a voluntary Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure (CVD) program to address the evolving cybersecurity threat landscape across the election community.
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> Working alongside other federal partners, the need to quickly identify and respond to vulnerabilities to our voting systems is critical. In the end, no security testing is perfect and new techniques are continually being developed to exploit security weaknesses. CVD programs will play a key role in helping to secure Americaâ s voting systems now and into the future.â

With the adoption of VVSG 2.0, the EAC requires that all voting system certification testing include penetration testing as part of the suite of tests each system undergoes. Penetration testing will give the EACâ s voting system test laboratories deeper insight into potential vulnerabilities so they can be mitigated by manufacturers prior to certification. Similarly, the EAC expects that manufacturers will continue to improve their in-house security testing capabilities during their own system development processes.

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). It is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with ensuring secure, accurate, and accessible elections by developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. The EAC also accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems, as well as administers the use of HAVA funds. For more information, visit www.eac.gov.

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UPDATES & EVENTS Â

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

2022 Clearinghouse Awards winners

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New simulation video series on polling place interruptions

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Resources for serving military and UOCAVA voters in recognition of Military Appreciation Month

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Local Leadership Council Annual Meeting and 2023 Data Summit dates

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New Video on the EACâ s Testing and Certification Process

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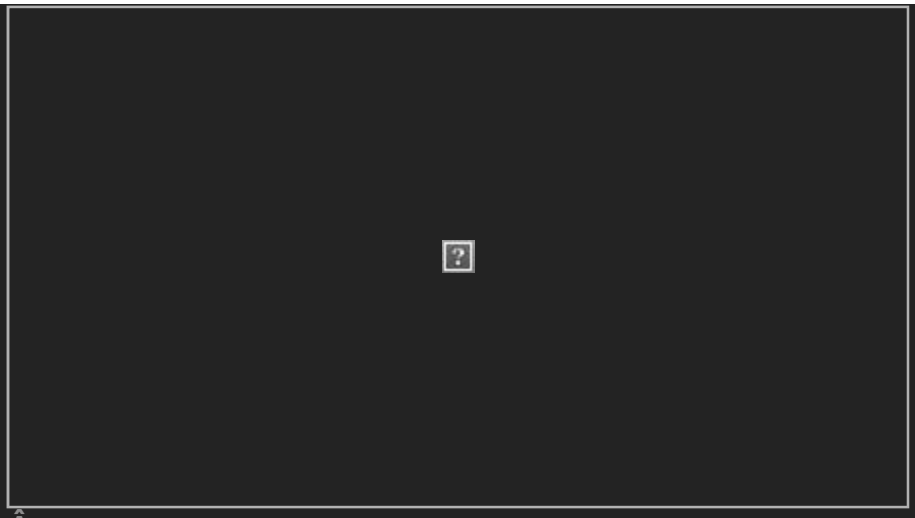

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The EACâ s latest video provides an overview of the agencyâ s rigorous testing and certification process for voting machines, as well as background on the creation of the EAC through the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

You can watch the video here.

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24 state and local election office programs win 2022 Clearinghouse Awards!

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Year-round, election officials and offices work hard to serve their voters. To celebrate some of this work, the EAC is excited to announce the winners of the 2022 Clearinghouse Awards, a.k.a Clearies!

From nearly 100 entries, there are 24 winners and 16 honorable mentions.

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The categories include:

- Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Elections ModernizationÂ
- Outstanding Election Official State Association Program or Local Office
- Election Cybersecurity and Technology
- Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
- Outstanding Innovations in Elections
- Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers
- Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers

Here is the complete list of winners and their programs.

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries on the innovations and best practices they used to better serve their communities. The 2023 Clearinghouse Awards submission period will begin in early 2024. Bookmark **EAC.gov/clearies** for more information.

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NEW RESOURCE

EAC and URI Polling Place Line Interruptions Simulation Video Series Â

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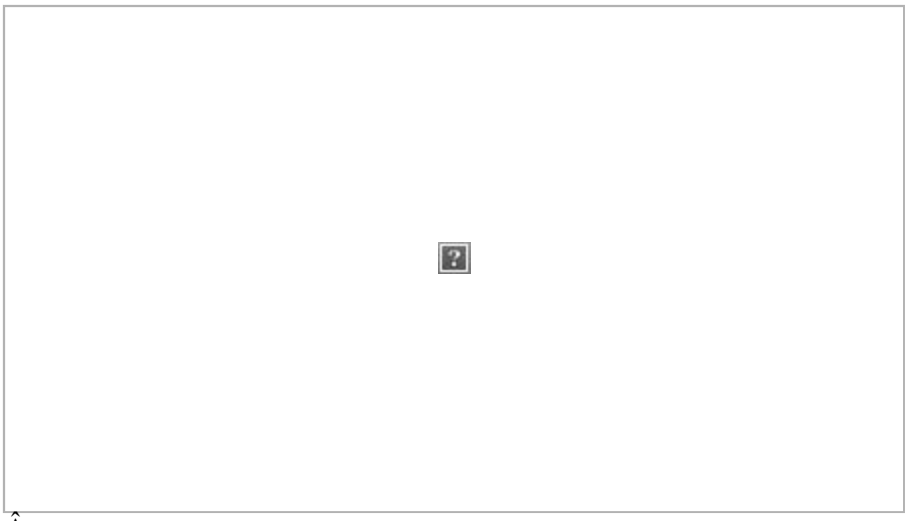

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This new simulation video series is intended to help election officials develop strategies for possible interruptions to their polling places, specifically delayed openings, and temporary shutdowns. The simulations in this series explore voter wait times and mitigations during these interruptions. Through these video simulations, election officials can visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting

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location.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. **More information on this project can be found on the EACâ s website.**

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EAC Commissioners recognize 30th anniversary of the National Voter Registration Act

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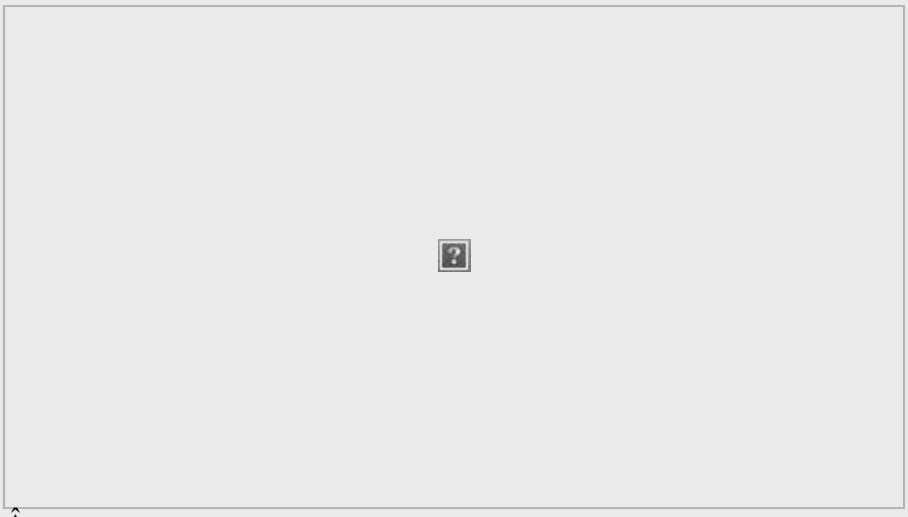

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May 20 marked the 30th anniversary of the signing of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), which revolutionized the voter registration process for Americans. To mark this occasion, the EAC Commissioners released a joint statement on the landmark legislation.

Read the full statement.

The EAC recognizes Military Appreciation Month

NEW BLOG: BEST PRACTICES FOR SUPPORTING MILITARY AND UOCAVA VOTERS

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(At the EAC Public Meeting in April, Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections in Okaloosa County; and Casandra Hockenberry, Program Manager of the Council of State Governments (CSG) discussed how election officials can better serve UOCAVA voters.)

Over 1.2 million ballots were transmitted to military and overseas voters in 2020, with more than 900,000 returned and submitted for counting. To help election officials better support military and UOCAVA voters, the EAC **published a new blog** with best practices for these voters. Topics include ensuring access to election office websites and using standardized addresses when mailing ballots overseas.

These tips were highlighted by federal partners and state and local election officials during the **EACâ s recent public meeting** on the subject.

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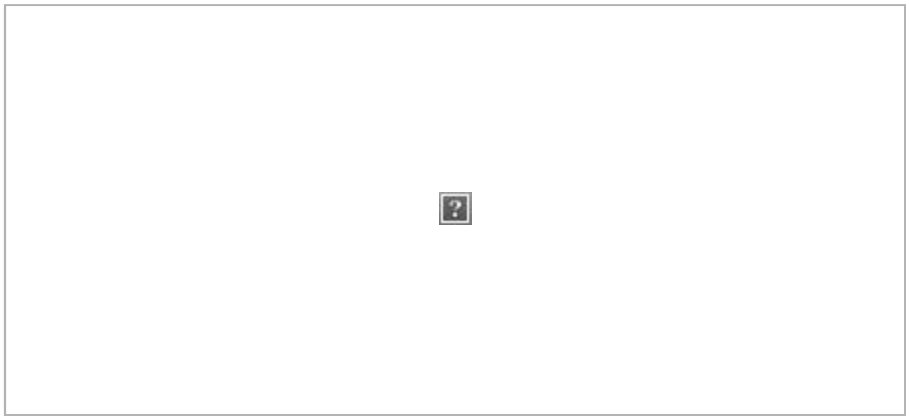
Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program



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Election offices across the country offer â Vote in Honor of a Veteranâ programs to pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of veterans in their communities. Through this program, individuals can engage in the voting process, while showing their appreciation to the veterans who have protected their ability to do so.

To bring additional awareness to this program, EAC Commissioner Donald Palmer spoke with Michael Ross, Iowa Deputy Secretary of State and Chief of Staff; Jenni Scutchfield, Kentucky Assistant Secretary of State; and Heather Hardy, Program Officer of the Elections Division, Nevada Secretary of State.Â

The panelists discussed how they have implemented and promoted the â Vote in Honor of a Veteranâ program in their states, how they work with the military, and their advice for people looking to start this program in their communities.

Read the blog and watch the interview.

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Serving Military and UOCAVA Voters Public Meeting Recap

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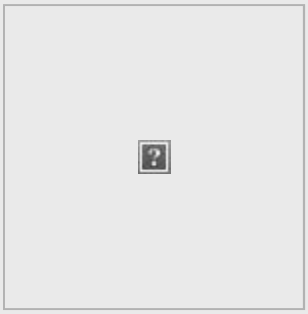

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Serving military and UOCAVA voters is a critical part of elections administration that makes certain every eligible citizen has the ability to vote. These voters often need special support and extra planning time to mitigate the obstacles and complexities involved with voting abroad. In April, the EAC held a public meeting to address the issues involved with serving these voters.

The first panel discussed how federal organizations serve UOCAVA voters, the work they do with election officials, and the systems in place for the upcoming 2024 elections. The second panel discussed the

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challenges faced in serving UOCAVA voters and ideas for how to improve the registration, ballot request and return processes.

The meeting included a presentation on new EAC resources for serving UOCAVA voters. These include:

- **Pocket Guide for Serving Military and Overseas Voters**
- **Fact sheet** for election officials on UOCAVA and federal resources, responsibilities, general considerations for residency, and information on federally prescribed forms.
- An **interactive map** showing how state policies differ for various aspects of UOCAVA voting.

These resources can also be found at **eac.gov/uocava**.
The live stream recording of this public meeting is also available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel.**

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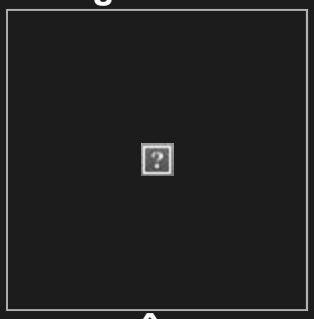
The Local Leadership Council (LLC) 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on July 20-21



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The EACâ s **Local Leadership Council (LLC)** will hold its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 20-21 in Washington, DC. The public meeting will include discussions on topics such as training and workforce development, making the Local Leadership Council an effective advisory board, and looking ahead to 2024. Throughout the meeting, there will be opportunities for members to ask questions. Additionally, the Board will vote to elect members to executive officer positions.

More information on this meeting will be available on the **event page**.

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Attend the EACâ s Data Summit â July 19

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NCSL Spring Webinar Series

The Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) will be released later this month. Make sure you donâ t miss this important report on voting in the United States. When available, the 2022 report, along with all other previous EAVS reports, can be found **here**.

The 2023 Data Summit will include a review of significant EAVS findings, as well as a discussion on how the EAVS can be utilized by election officials, academics, and other stakeholders to improve elections.

The Data Summit will be held at the EAC offices and live streamed on the **EACâ s YouTube page**. More information will be available on the **EACâ s website** leading up to the event. Â

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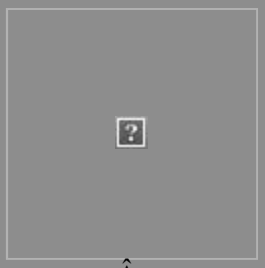

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Dear Chuck,

All eyes were on Washington, DC last week as high-stakes negotiations to raise the federal government's debt ceiling took place between the White House and Congress.

In the end, both sides claimed victory, and it showed that by leading on the issues, you can ultimately make an impact. Speaker McCarthy showed that by setting the stage early, you can expect to deliver more conservative policies. This is something I believe our state leaders already understand.

Instead of expecting Washington to lead on reform, we're better off finding success in the laboratories of democracy that are our state capitols across the country.

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For instance, in 2016, ALEC published our Getting Politics out of Pensions report, and in 2022, our members approved an ALEC model policy to protect state pension funds from politically driven investment strategies. The model policy requires the Sole Interest Rule be applied to both investment decisions and proxy votes â in other words, *â No politics in pensions!â*

This year, states like Arkansas and Montana have taken up the mantle, enacting their own laws consistent with our model policy that protect pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

You can read more about the Sole Interest Rule - and learn how the same political investment strategies cost CalPERS $3.5 billion - in this **post** by ALECâ s Nick Stark.

Our pensions arenâ t the only concern when it comes to fiscal health. When Congress appropriated trillions to the states in COVID relief funds, the major string attached was, *â No new tax cuts!â*

But the states prevailed, with no fewer than 21 states cutting personal income tax rates since 2021. As we have learned from *Rich States, Poor States*, these types of tax cuts yield the greatest economic growth.

The latest example is Nebraska, where lawmakers just passed significant cuts to both personal and business income taxes reforms. Once fully implemented, the Cornhusker State will not only have lower rates but consolidatedÂ income brackets moving closer to a true flat tax.

These policies matter as Americans continue to vote with their feet toward states with lower taxes. In-migration of residents and new business formation are both on the rise in other states like Florida and Tennessee that collect no income tax altogether.

This low-tax approach helps show why the â soak the richâ tactic from too many in Congress is doomed to fail. ALEC-backed tax reforms â which you can read about in Jonathan Williams **interview with *Governing Magazine*** â should serve as a lesson to federal lawmakers considering Bidenâ s proposal to tax middle-class Americans to pay for his enormous agenda.

After all, it's profligate spending like the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" that has ballooned our national debt to $31 trillion. There are certainly worthwhile cuts included in the Limit, Save, Grow Act, but we need more of a course reversal than the legislation allows.

The same is true of Americaâ s approach to policing and public safety. The prevailing politics in Washington, DC insist on undermining and defunding law enforcement and fail to bring restitution to victims.

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Once again it's up to the states to show a better way forward.

The evidence shows that the best way to reduce crime is with a community-centered approach with no tolerance for violence.

The proof is present today in Dallas, Texas. Their two-prong initiative to enforce the law in hotspots of crime and strengthen relationships with neighborhood residents is making headway against decades-long waves of serious crime.

You can read more about this strategy in my recent **opinion with Ja'Ron Smith** in the Daily Caller.

We also just released our **fourth video** in our 50th Anniversary series, highlighting the broad spectrum of criminal justice reform where state legislators have broken ground, and inspired federal reform. Watch my conversation with Jaâ Ron and ALEC Task Force Director, Nino Marchese **here**.

Nino put it this way:

> *â Texas became a star spotlight for what conservative criminal justice reform looked like. And it's spread like wildfire from there with states like Georgia and others being pointed to for motivations for federal reforms.â*

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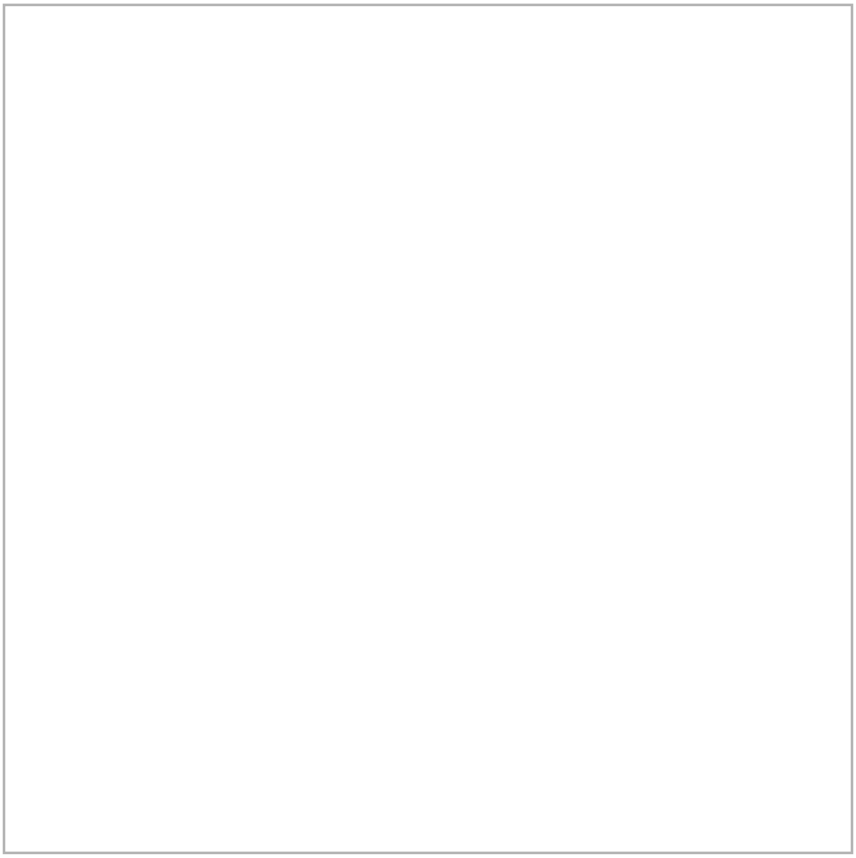

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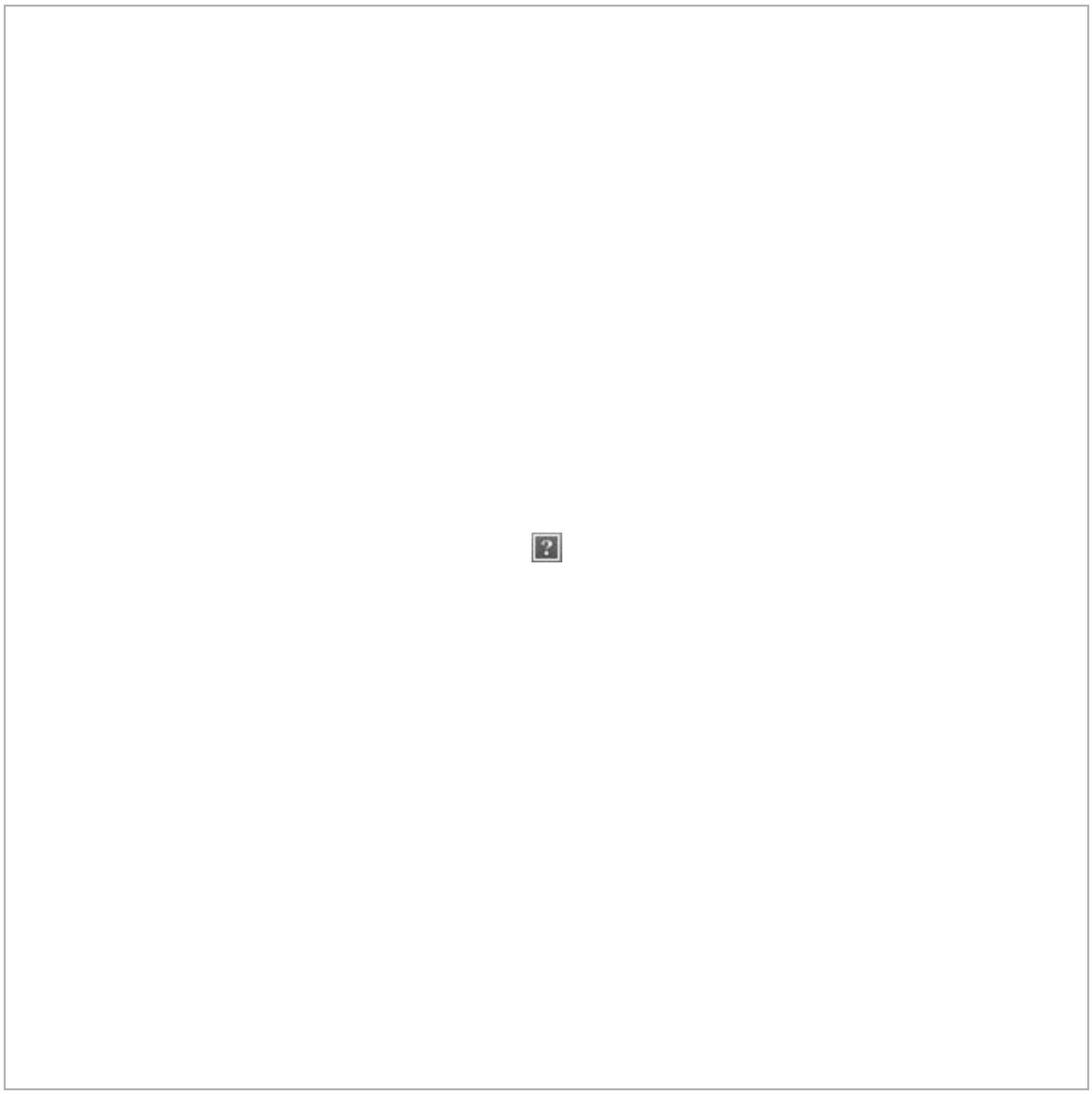

Dear Chuck,

All eyes were on Washington, DC last week as high-stakes negotiations to raise the federal government's debt ceiling took place between the White House and Congress.

In the end, both sides claimed victory, and it showed that by leading on the issues, you can ultimately make an impact. Speaker McCarthy showed that by setting the stage early, you can expect to deliver more conservative policies. This is something I believe our state leaders already understand.

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Instead of expecting Washington to lead on reform, we're better off finding success in the laboratories of democracy that are our state capitols across the country.

For instance, in 2016, ALEC published our Getting Politics out of Pensions report, and in 2022, our members approved an ALEC model policy to protect state pension funds from politically driven investment strategies. The model policy requires the Sole Interest Rule be applied to both investment decisions and proxy votes â in other words, *â No politics in pensions!â*

This year, states like Arkansas and Montana have taken up the mantle, enacting their own laws consistent with our model policy that protect pension beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

You can read more about the Sole Interest Rule - and learn how the same political investment strategies cost CalPERS $3.5 billion - in this **post** by ALECâ s Nick Stark.

Our pensions arenâ t the only concern when it comes to fiscal health. When Congress appropriated trillions to the states in COVID relief funds, the major string attached was, *â No new tax cuts!â*

But the states prevailed, with no fewer than 21 states cutting personal income tax rates since 2021. As we have learned from *Rich States, Poor States*, these types of tax cuts yield the greatest economic growth.

The latest example is Nebraska, where lawmakers just passed significant cuts to both personal and business income taxes reforms. Once fully implemented, the Cornhusker State will not only have lower rates but consolidated income brackets moving closer to a true flat tax.

These policies matter as Americans continue to vote with their feet toward states with lower taxes. In-migration of residents and new business formation are both on the rise in other states like Florida and Tennessee that collect no income tax altogether.

This low-tax approach helps show why the â soak the richâ tactic from too many in Congress is doomed to fail. ALEC-backed tax reforms â which you can read about in Jonathan Williams **interview with *Governing Magazine*** â should serve as a lesson to federal lawmakers considering Bidenâ s proposal to tax middle-class Americans to pay for his enormous agenda.

After all, it's profligate spending like the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" that has ballooned our national debt to $31 trillion. There are certainly worthwhile cuts included in the Limit, Save, Grow Act, but we need more

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of a course reversal than the legislation allows.

The same is true of Americaâ s approach to policing and public safety. The prevailing politics in Washington, DC insist on undermining and defunding law enforcement and fail to bring restitution to victims.

Once again it's up to the states to show a better way forward.

The evidence shows that the best way to reduce crime is with a community-centered approach with no tolerance for violence.

The proof is present today in Dallas, Texas. Their two-prong initiative to enforce the law in hotspots of crime and strengthen relationships with neighborhood residents is making headway against decades-long waves of serious crime.

You can read more about this strategy in my recent **opinion with Ja'Ron Smith** in the Daily Caller.

We also just released our **fourth video** in our 50th Anniversary series, highlighting the broad spectrum of criminal justice reform where state legislators have broken ground, and inspired federal reform. Watch my conversation with Jaâ Ron and ALEC Task Force Director, Nino Marchese **here**.

Nino put it this way:

> *â Texas became a star spotlight for what conservative criminal justice reform looked like. And it's spread like wildfire from there with states like Georgia and others being pointed to for motivations for federal reforms.â*

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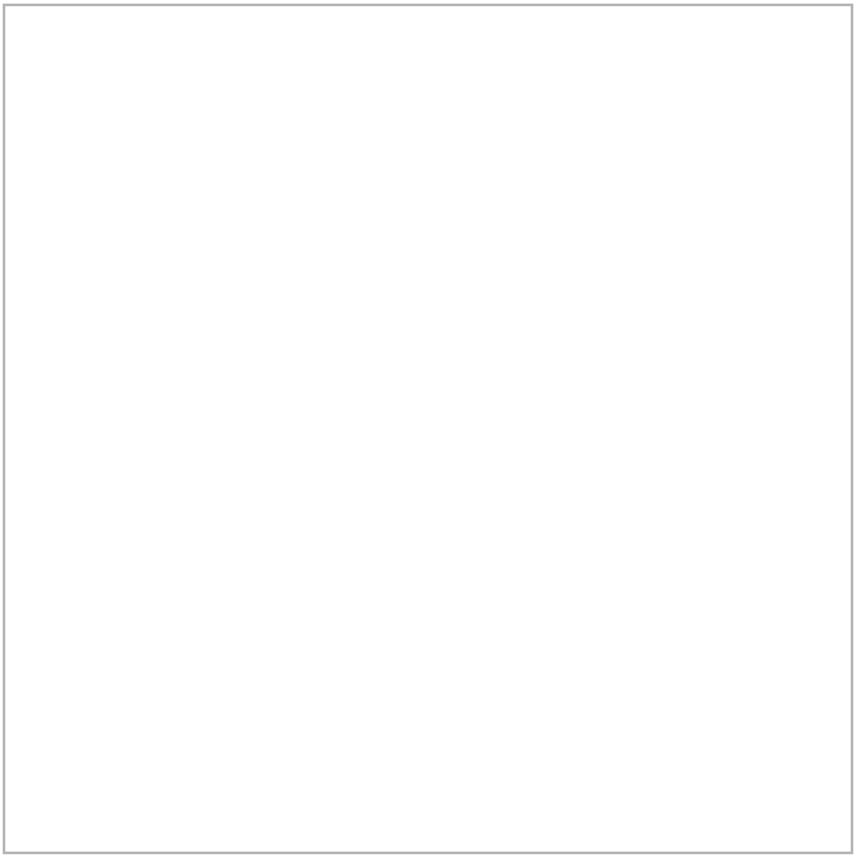

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Early bird registration ends **TODAY at 11:59 PM**! Register now to secure your spot!

We invite you to join us at the table as we discuss major issues facing the country.

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Register today to join us in Florida, July 26 - 28. We hope to see you there!

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Dear Chuck,

There is just one week left to register at the early bird registration rate for the 2023 ALEC Annual Meeting!

Register before **11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 31** to secure your spot at the premier gathering of policy makers.

Signing up today is the best way to guarantee your spot.

Register Now

You wonâ t want to miss this yearâ s Welcome Reception at Universal Studios Citywalk, minutes away from the hotel, and **after hours access into Universal Studios**.

With over 20 restaurants, a movie-themed escape room, and water taxi connecting you to Universal Studios, thereâ s no question why CityWalk is known as â The Epicenter of Awesomeâ .

From world-class theme parks, to fine dining, to luxury spas and premiere golf courses, youâ ll find endless opportunities in Orlando.

Want to find more to do while youâ re at the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting? Click the link below and explore the possibilities!

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Dear Chuck,

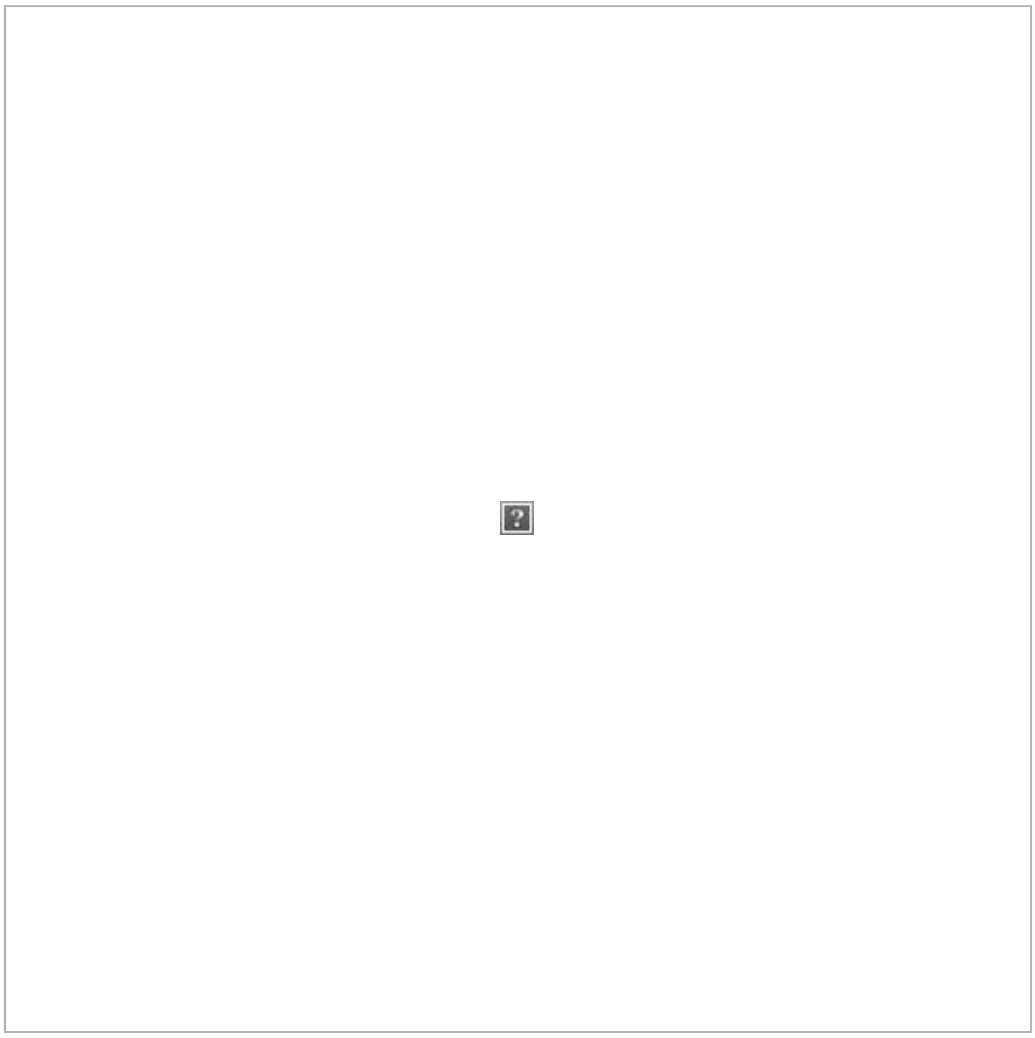
Do you want to be a leader in your next legislative session?

Join ALEC in Orlando, Florida, to strategize with Americaâ s top state policymakers from July 26 - 28.

Youâ ll build a network of policymakers and industry experts, grow your knowledge of limited government solutions, and expand your influence in your stateâ s legislative process.

Early-bird registration rates end in just three weeks on May 31st.

Register now before time runs out!



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During the event, youâ ll collaborate with state policymakers on solutions for the most pressing issues facing America, including:

- Fostering economic growth
- Education and parental freedom
- Online safety

And with dozens of other breakout events, youâ ll build a network of problem-solvers in policy and business that will position you for success in the future.

From the Welcome Reception at Universal Studios to the annual **Kids Congress**, the ALEC Annual Meeting is fit for family fun! The **hotel** is minutes away from Orlandoâ s premiere theme parks. Use the link below to access discounted tickets.

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Travel accommodations are made cheaper thanks to our partnership with Southwest Airlines. You can use the steps below to save on airfare!

1. Visit the Southwest Business website **here**.
2. Enter the ALEC Company ID:**99133580** to qualify for eligible discounted rates.
3. Prior to clicking â Continueâ , be sure to click the arrow under the Company ID to enter your Rapid Rewards Account Information.
4. Once you click â Continueâ , you will begin making your travel plans.

We hope these amenities and discounts make it easy and enjoyable for you to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting â and equip yourself for success as a policy champion.

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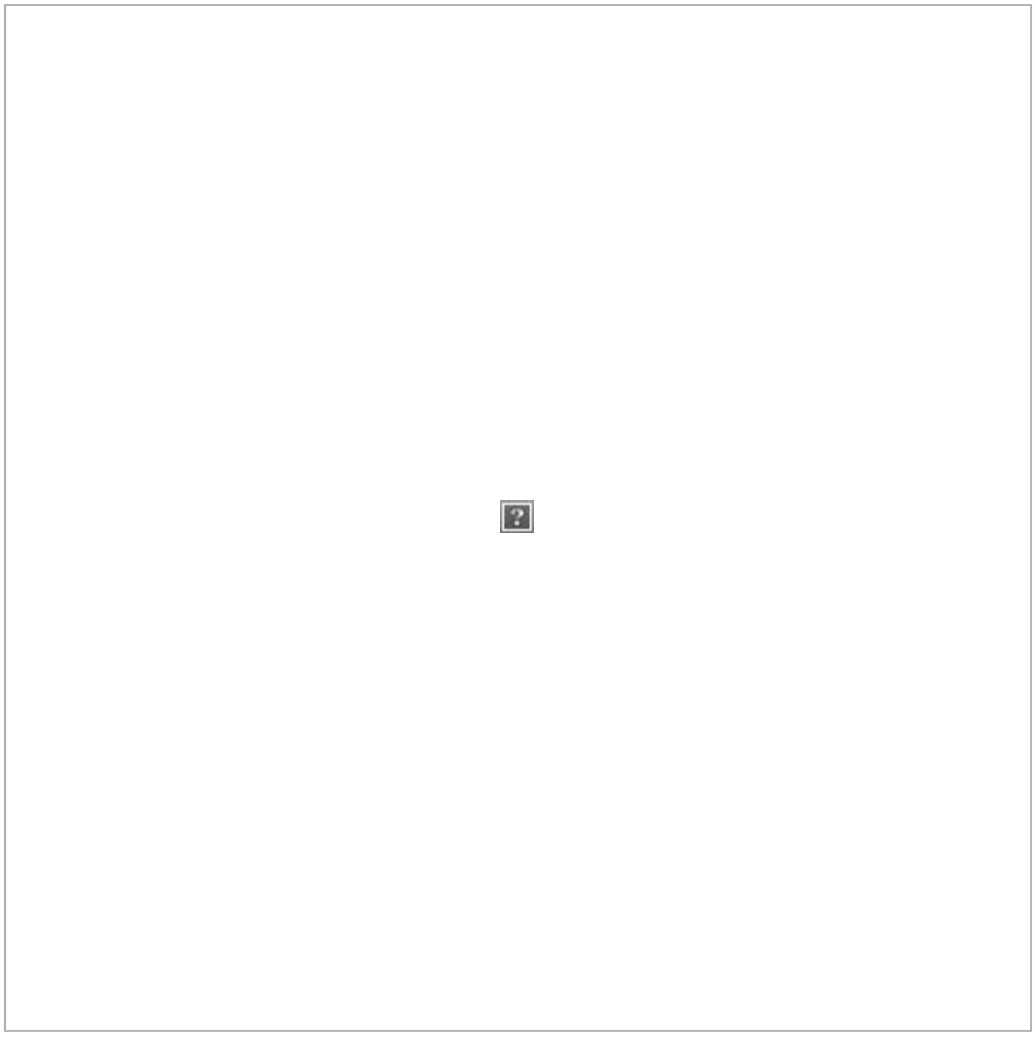

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Other Upcoming Events

It is never too early to begin thinking about our upcoming gala to celebrate the ALEC 50th Anniversary. Our ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. **Mark your calendars for October 4th in DC at the National Portrait Gallery!**

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Save the date for the **ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit, November 28 â November 30, 2023** in **Scottsdale, AZ**! ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the fall of 2023.

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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this monthâ s newsletter include:

New EAC Resources for Election Officials!

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Supporting Military and UOCAVA Voter Public Meeting Recap

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Commissioner Palmer Testimony on Promoting Voter Confidence

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National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Webinar Series

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NEW EAC RESOURCES ALERT!

How to Work with State Legislators: A Guide for Local Election Officials

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As each state's election experts, local election officials can be instrumental in crafting effective, administrable election legislation. This brief guide from the EAC and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) outlines five key principles to empower local election officials to embrace an educational mindset and engage with legislators and the legislative process.

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Alternative Voting Methods in the United States

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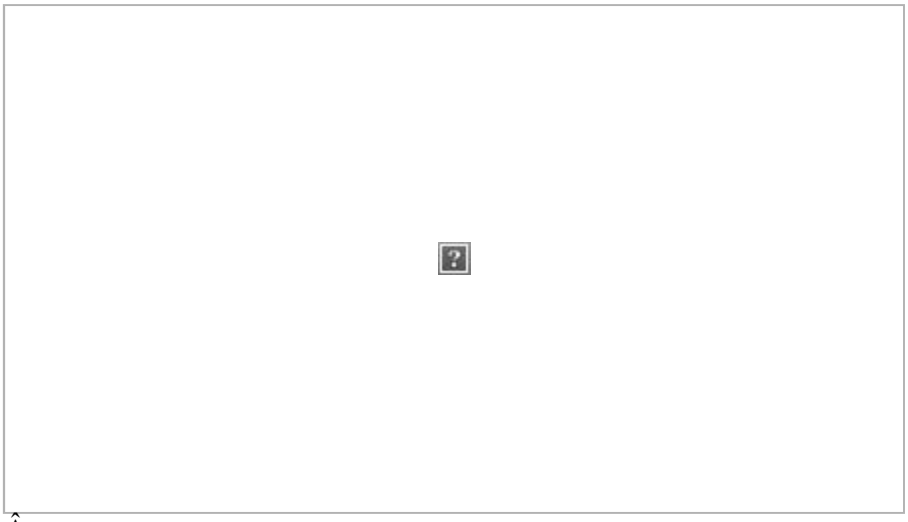

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This new EAC resource provides information on the use of alternative voting methods across the country, including the different methods that are currently being considered or used, the ways that alternative voting methods may be adopted, special uses for alternative voting methods, administrative considerations, and case studies of jurisdictions that have conducted elections using alternative voting methods.

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What You Need to Know About Census Data

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Every 10 years, the United States Census Bureau conducts a survey of the entire American population, gathering the total number of residents and detailed information about a representative sample. By doing this, the United States Census offers a wealth of data on the demographics of our country. This includes data on election behaviors and data that is used in election processes. In this blog post, the EAC takes a closer look at what the census is, its purpose, and how it impacts American elections.

EAC Holds Public Meeting on Supporting Military Voters

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(Panel participants: Acting Director J. Scott Wiedmann, Charles Martin, Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell, Supervisor Paul Lux, and Casandra Hockenberry)

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On April 26, the EAC held an in-person public meeting on supporting Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters. Military and overseas citizen voters often need special support and extra planning time when participating in the electoral process to account for the obstacles and complexities of voting abroad.Â

In the first panel, "Federal Partner Spotlight," the EAC Commissioners

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heard from J. Scott Wiedmann, Acting Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), and Charles A. Martin, Program Analyst in the Military Postal Service Agency. They discussed how their federal organizations serve UOCAVA voters, how they work with voters and election officials, and the systems in place for the upcoming 2024 elections.

In the second panel, â Best Practices for Election Offices,â the Commissioners heard from Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections in Okaloosa County; and Casandra Hockenberry, Program Manager of the Council of State Governments (CSG). Panelists discussed the UOCAVA demographics of their jurisdictions, the challenges they have faced in serving UOCAVA voters, and how they have overcome those challenges to improve the registration, ballot request and return processes. Ms. Hockenberry also spoke about CSGâ s Overseas Voting Initiative and what they have learned from working with a coalition of election officials, as well as the research being done to inform election officials on this topic.

The meeting included a presentation on new EAC resources for serving UOCAVA voters from Ben Jackson, a Senior Election Subject Matter Expert at the EAC. These resources include:

- A **Pocket Guide for Serving Military and Overseas Voters**;
- A **fact sheet for election officials on UOCAVA** and federal resources, their responsibilities as election officials, general considerations for residency, and information on federally prescribed forms;
- An interactive map showing differing state policies for residency requirements, FPCA electronic return availability, ability to use the FWAB to register to vote, and availability of electronic ballot return. This map can be found at **eac.gov/uocava**.

If you missed it, the live stream recording of the public meeting is available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.

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Thank You, Standards Board and Board of Advisors Members

The EACâ s Standards Board and Board of Advisors each held their

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annual meetings in April. At the meetings, the board members discussed the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0, the EACâ s new Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP), updates on existing and new EAC programs, and election official security. The agendas are available at **eac.gov/events**, and transcripts will be available soon.

The EAC would like to thank all the members for their valuable feedback, as well as the many panelists for their presentations on important topics for the EAC and the election community.

The EACâ s Local Leadership Council will be holding its annual meeting in July in Washington DC. Updates can be found at **eac.gov/events** and in the EACâ s monthly newsletter.

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(The EAC Commissioners with Phil the Ballot, the Maricopa County Elections mascot)

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(Standards Board members at their 2023 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona)

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(Board of Advisors members at their 2023 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC)

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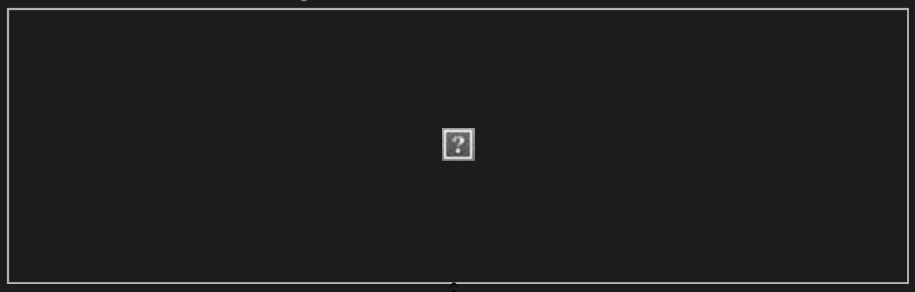
The EAC Testifies to the Committee on House Admin on Building Voter Confidence

On April 27, Commissioner Donald Palmer testified before the Committee on House Administration hearing on â American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence.â He spoke on how the EAC raises awareness about election procedures and security measures, as well as how the commission assists state and local election officials as they serve voters.

Read the full testimony here.



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NCSL Spring Webinar Series

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The EAC Commissioners are participating in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) webinar series, â **How U.S. Elections Are Run**.â

Commissioner Thomas Hicks participated in â Paying for Elections,â which covered the cost of running elections, sources of election funding, how states can spend money appropriated by Congress, and the need for additional funding. Watch the **full discussion here**.

Vice Chair Benjamin Hovland participated in âVoter Registration and Maintaining Voter Registration Lists,â which addressed how states maintain accurate voter rolls and why regular list maintenance processes â along with providing opportunities for voters to update and maintain their registration in accordance with federal and state laws â are important. **Watch it here**.

Chairwoman Christy McCormick will participate in â Ensuring Accuracy: Post-Election Auditsâ on May 12 at 3:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will cover the different types of post-election tabulation audits that states use (traditional, tiered, and risk-limiting) and the value of having such audit laws on the books. **Get more information here**.

Commissioner Donald Palmer will participate in â Voting Technology, Certification and Standardsâ on June 6 at 3 p.m. EST. This webinar will cover what the VVSG 2.0 is, why itâ s important, and what options legislators can consider for keeping their stateâ s voting technology as secure and accurate as possible. **Get more information here**.

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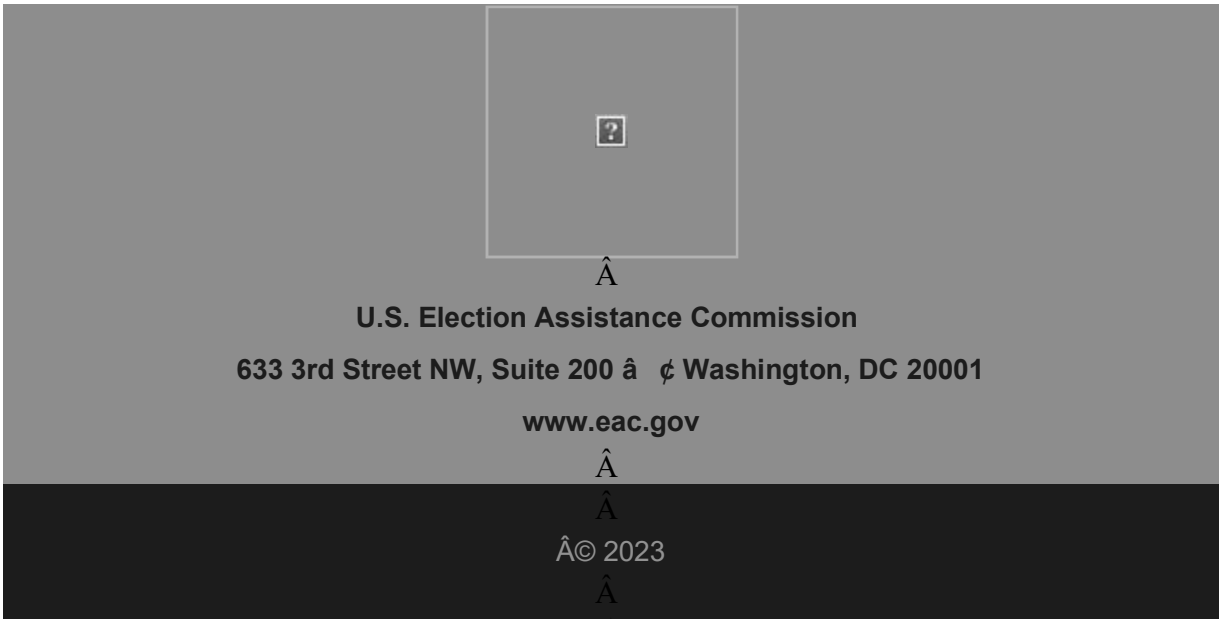

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Dear Chuck,

How do you build a future worth fighting for?

As you know, Americaâ s success depends on the quality of our education and the health of thriving free markets. Last week we met with our ALEC National Chairman, Representative Daniel Perez (Florida) and our Board of Directors to discuss some of the issues legislatures are grappling with as sessions come to close for the year.

Discussions on education, fiscal conservatism, and environmental, social

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and governance investing (ESG) were highlighted where the government has overreached and overregulated. There continues to be a need to develop trusted solutions that enable a better future for our citizens and stronger coalitions who will support effective policies.

In honor of our 50th Anniversary, ALEC made a commitment to expand our policy education to all 50 states. Weâ ve made remarkable progress already. So far, weâ ve held in-person meetings with state officials in 42 states â far-exceeding our May benchmark for our 50-state strategy for ALECâ s 50-year anniversary.

Expanding ALECâ s presence in the states has produced scores of significant policy wins â including universal education savings accounts (ESAs), a flat tax revolution, and historic deregulation efforts. And weâ re especially encouraged to see more progress on tort reform in the states. 2023 is poised to be a very critical year in terms of positive impact.

You may recall, ALEC started some of our work on tort reform more than 30 years ago. Since then, ALECâ s Civil Justice Task Force has connected state lawmakers and legal experts to help one another restore fairness and predictability in the domain of civil justice.

ALEC members have developed dozens of model policies to protect the legal system from frivolous litigation which cripples businessesâ ability to innovate, employ and foster economic prosperity. ALECâ s success has helped states restore fairness and justice in their civil justice systems, driving down economic costs from an overly litigious America.

If youâ d like to learn more about ALECâ s efforts on tort reform, you may value this video. Just released is our **THIRD video** of our 50th anniversary series: 50 Years of Trusted Policy Solutions.

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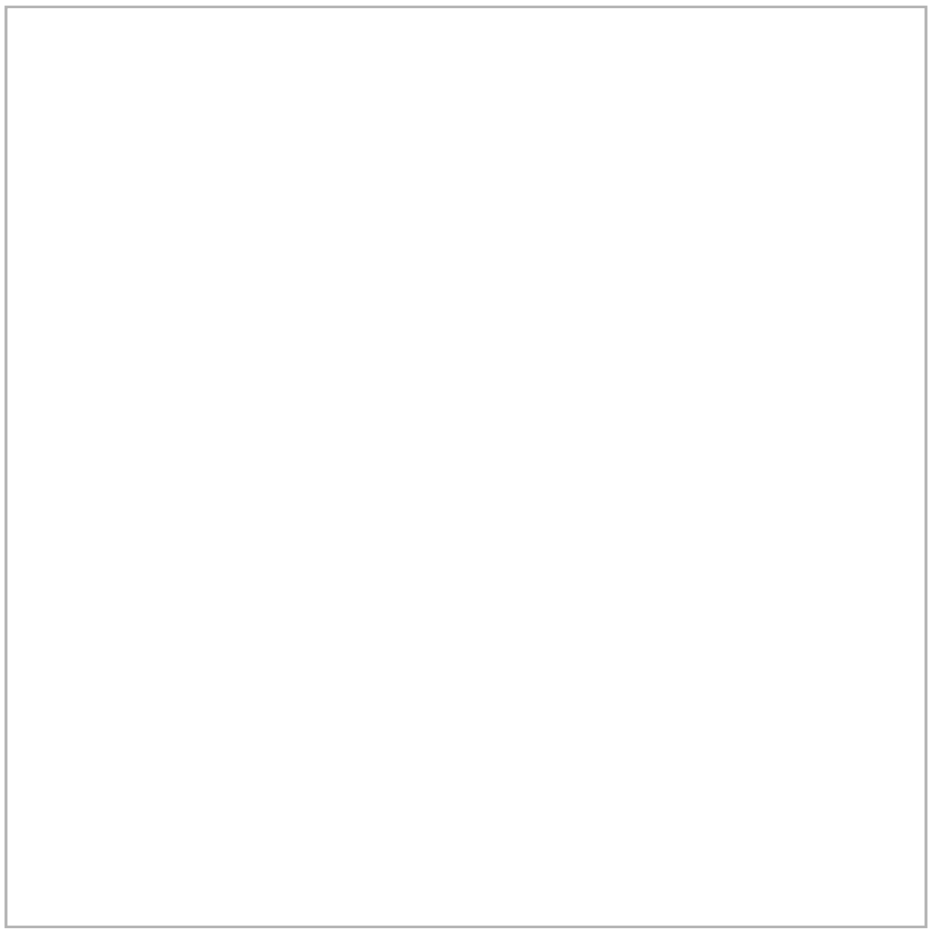

ALEC is proud to commemorate its 50th year with scores of legislative reforms. We look forward to celebrating a new generation of policy makers for the next 50 years.

Weâ ll be recognizing *ALECâ s 50 Under 50* at our 50th Anniversary Gala. Do you know someone under 50 who is dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism? Please consider nominating a public sector leader for ***ALECâ s 50 Under 50***.

While bold leadership in the statehouse can produce amazing results, it is never easy to do alone and we want to be sure to build the bond across the country of our fearless leaders. That's how we build for the future!

As always, please keep in touch and let me know if you would like the ALEC team to visit your state.

All the best,

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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Six New EAC Resources for Election Officials!

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EAC Commissioners Ben Hovland and Donald Palmer Testify before Committee on House Administration

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List Maintenance Public Meeting Recap

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Upcoming EAC Events

- April 18-19: Standards Board Annual Meeting
- April 25-26: Board of Advisors Annual Meeting
- April 26: EAC Public Meeting "Supporting Military Votersâ

EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick Hosts Women's History Month Virtual Panel

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NEW EAC RESOURCES ALERT!
Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Deprecation

The EAC is committed to supporting election officialsâ needs with the upcoming deprecation of the **Voluntary Voting System Guidelines** (VVSG) 1.0 and 1.1.

The following resources are now available on the EACâ s website and featured on the homepage.

- **Secure Elections Toolkit** - The Secure Elections Toolkit, and its accompanying materials, are intended to assist election officials when informing candidates, policymakers, media, stakeholders, and the public of the multi-layered approach used to secure elections. This includes how to share information about election security in their jurisdictions and components of the EAC Testing and Certification program. **Download customizable social media graphics via Canva.com**.
- **EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet** â The printable EAC Testing and Certification Factsheet explains the purpose of the EACâ s national voluntary voting system certification program and what it means for voting systems to be certified by the EAC. This can be used as a reference or as a resource to share with external audiences about depreciation and the EACâ s Testing and Certification program.

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Election Management Guidelines

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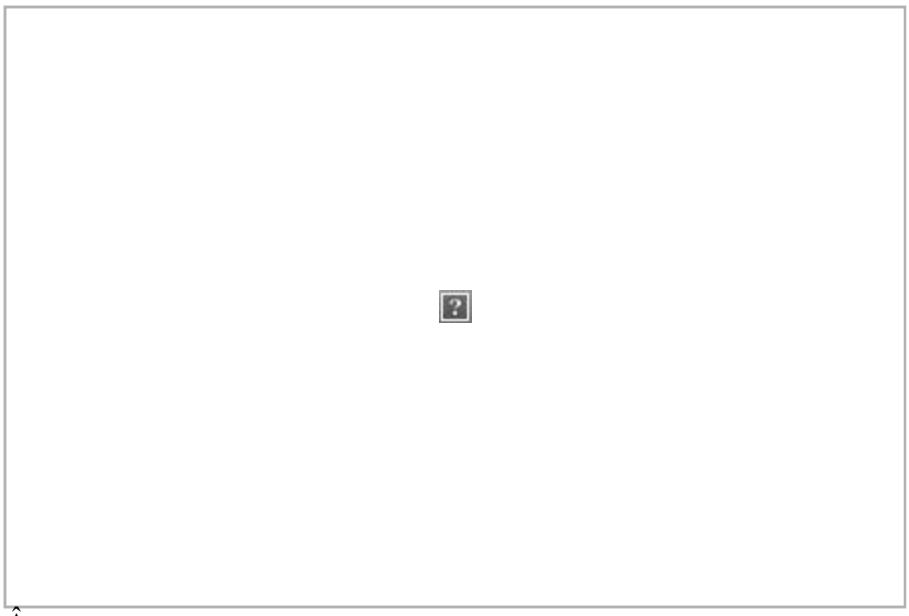

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The EAC has updated the **Election Management Guidelines** (EMG)! New and experienced election officials can use the EMG to reference election processes and best practices. From the foundations of election office administration to the final steps of certifying the ballot counts, the EMG is designed to be accessible to election officials at all levels, regardless of their jurisdiction size or resources. Each of the 19 chapters in the EMG has been vetted by local and state election officials and other stakeholders.

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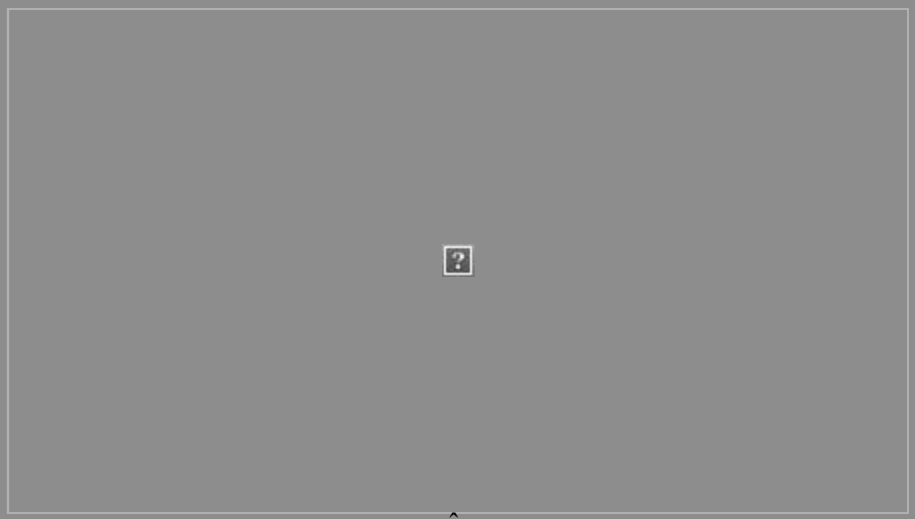
EAC Equipment Disposal Resource Checklist



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As election jurisdictions procure new election technologies, they often need to dispose of outdated election equipment. It is essential to do this

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safely and in ways that limit opportunities for malicious entities to take advantage of the situation. If election equipment falls into the wrong hands, it not only jeopardizes the security and integrity of the jurisdiction that owned the equipment, but also the security and integrity of every other election jurisdiction that uses the same or similar equipment.
The EAC has developed a **Disposal of Election Equipment resource** to support this effort. This includes best practices on:

- Chain of Custody and Inventory Control
- Voting Technology Purchased with HAVA Funds
- Disposal and Destruction of Election Equipment
- Election Equipment Disposal Checklist

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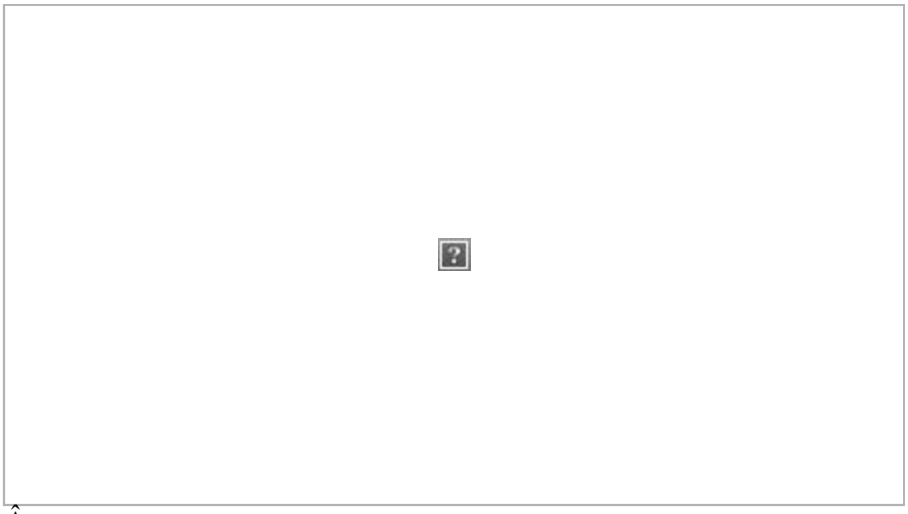
EAC and URI Polling Place Line Alleviation Simulation Video Series



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This new simulation video series is intended to help election officials develop strategies for alleviating long lines at polling places. The simulations in this series explore different strategies based on voting processes, available resources, and voter arrival patterns. Through eight video simulations, election officials will be able to visualize how these strategies may work in practice at a voting location.Â
Watch the simulations here.

The EAC partnered with the University of Rhode Island (URI) to use simulation technology to replicate common Election Day issues. More information on this project and for information on the first simulation series on polling place consolidation, visit the EACâ s website.

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To provide additional context to the video series, EAC Commissioner Donald Palmer interviewed Gretchen Macht from the University of Rhode Island to discuss how election officials can use the SMILE election processes video simulations series.

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Voter Lists Webpage: Registration, Confidentiality, And Voter List Maintenance

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Keeping voter registration lists up to date is a continual process that includes adding new eligible voters, updating voter registration information when a voter moves, and removing ineligible voters. To help with this critical task, the EAC has developed a **new webpage** for election officials with best practices on:

- Voter Registration
- Voter Roll Confidentiality
- Voter List Maintenance

This webpage includes a **Best Practices Voter List Maintenance resource,** which is intended to help election officials improve the quality of voter registration data. In addition to this resource, the EAC has released a **fact sheet** and a **toolkit** to support election officials with voter list maintenance.

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Best Practices: Public Records Requests

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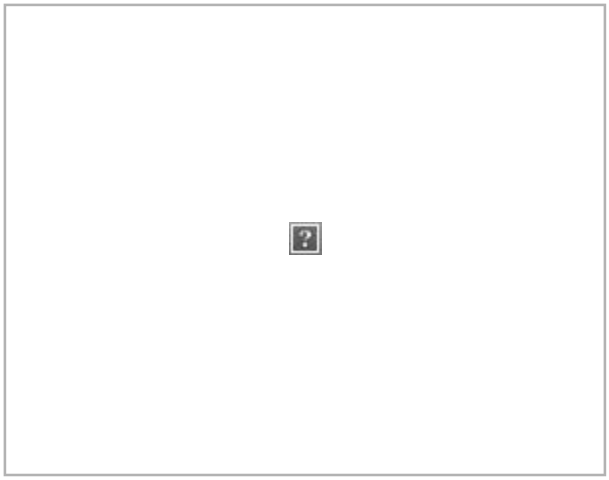

Since the 2020 election cycle, election officials have reported increased public records requests, requiring time and resources added to their official duties of administering elections.Â To help election officials navigate the high volume of these requests, the EAC has developed **Best Practices: Public Records Requests**. This document highlights innovative methods election offices have used to respond to these requests efficiently.Â

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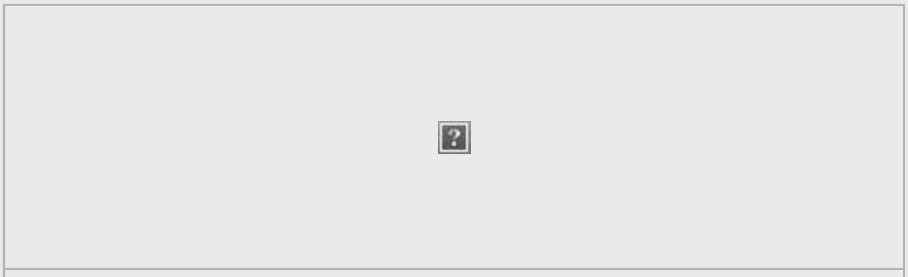
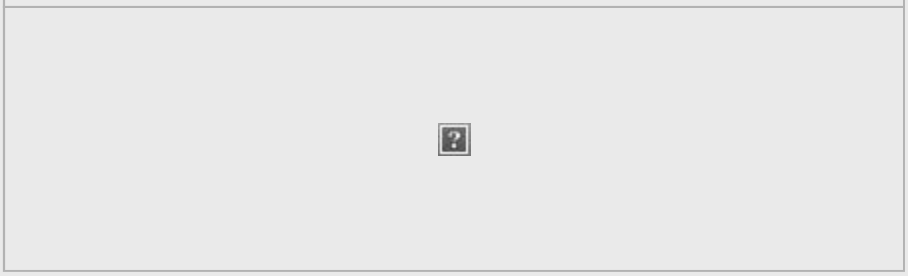
EAC Commissioners Ben Hovland and Donald Palmer Testify before Committee on House Administration





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EAC Holds Virtual Public Meeting

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on List Maintenance

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On March 15, the EAC held a virtual public meeting on official voter list accuracy and list maintenance. One of the many requirements of the **Help America Vote Act** (HAVA) is for states to create and maintain a computerized state list of registered voters that will interact with other state data sources and coordinate with voter records from all jurisdictions across the state. The panelists discussed how different jurisdictions manage voter list maintenance, the challenges they face, and best practices.

The EAC Commissioners heard from the Honorable Michael G. Adams, Kentucky Secretary of State; Monica Evans, the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Board of Elections; and Neal Kelley, the Former Registrar of Voters, Orange County, California. The Executive Director of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), Shane Hamlin, also participated in the panel.

The meeting included a presentation on a new **Best Practices Voter List Maintenance resource** from the EACâ s Sara Brady, Senior Election Subject Matter Expert.

If you missed it, the live stream recording of the public meeting is **available on the EACâ s YouTube channel**.

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Attend the Standards Board 2023 Annual Meeting on April 18-19

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The EACâ s **Standards Board** will host an in-person public meeting on April 18-19, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix in Arizona. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0, and the EACâ s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) pilot program, as well as discuss ongoing EAC programs, and address election official security and mental health concerns.Â

Â The Standards Board consists of 55 state election officials selected by their respective chiefÂ state election official and 55 local election officials selected through a process supervised by theÂ chief state election official.

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Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **meeting event page**. Please note that this meeting will not be live streamed.

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Join the Board of Advisors 2023 Annual Meeting on April 25-26

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The EACâ s **Board of Advisors** will host an in-person public meeting on April 25-26, 2023, at the Fairmont Washington, DC Georgetown. During the meeting, board members will hold discussions on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 and the EACâ s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) pilot program, discuss ongoing EAC programs, and hear from a panel on election official security and mental health concerns. They will also hear discussions on election audits, public records requests, and the impacts of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

The Board of Advisors is a 35-member board composed of representatives from various EAC stakeholder associations, federal government agencies, and Congress.

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **meeting event page**.

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Attend the EACâ s April 26 Public Meeting on Supporting Military Voters

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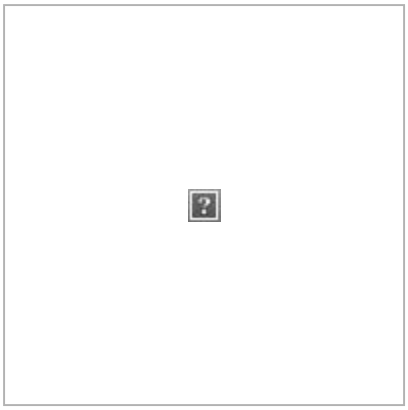

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On April 26, 2023, please join the EAC for a public discussion on serving military and UOCAVA voters starting at 1 p.m. E.T. This event will be held in the agencyâ s hearing room at 633 3rd Street NW,

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Washington, DC 20001. It will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**.

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **eventâ s webpage**. **Please only register if planning to attend in person.**

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Womenâ s History Month
2023 Virtual Panel Video and Blog Post

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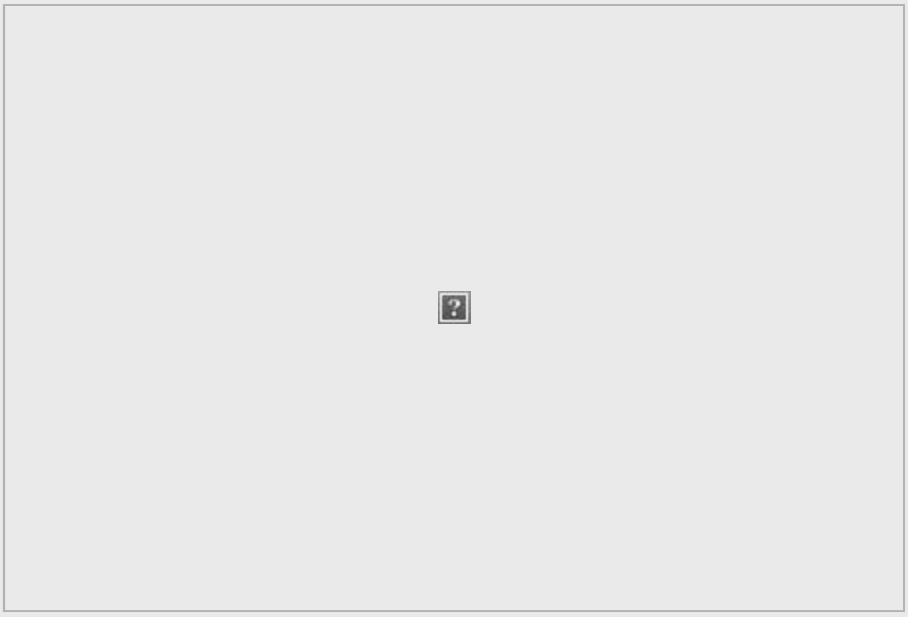

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This year, the EAC recognized Womenâ s History Month by exploring key moments that led to womenâ s suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. In a **new video**, EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick had the opportunity to talk with Donald Stanko, the Lead Park Ranger for theÂ **History of Womenâ s Rights National Historical Park**Â in Seneca Falls, New York, where the first Womenâ s Rights Convention took place, to learn more about the suffrage movement and the museum.Â Â

Chairwoman McCormick was also joined by Susan Philpott, a Park Ranger at theÂ **Belmont-Paul Womenâ s Equality National Monument**Â in Washington, D.C., a house that served as the headquarters of the National Woman's Party for over 90 years and was designated a national monument in 2016. The house also served as a hub of civic engagement that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Watch this **virtual discussion** on EACâ s YouTube channel and learn more by reading this EAC blog post: **Fighting For Womenâ s Suffrage: What Todayâ s Voters Can Learn from Civic Leaders of the Past**.

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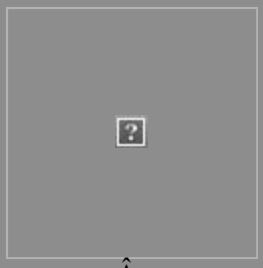

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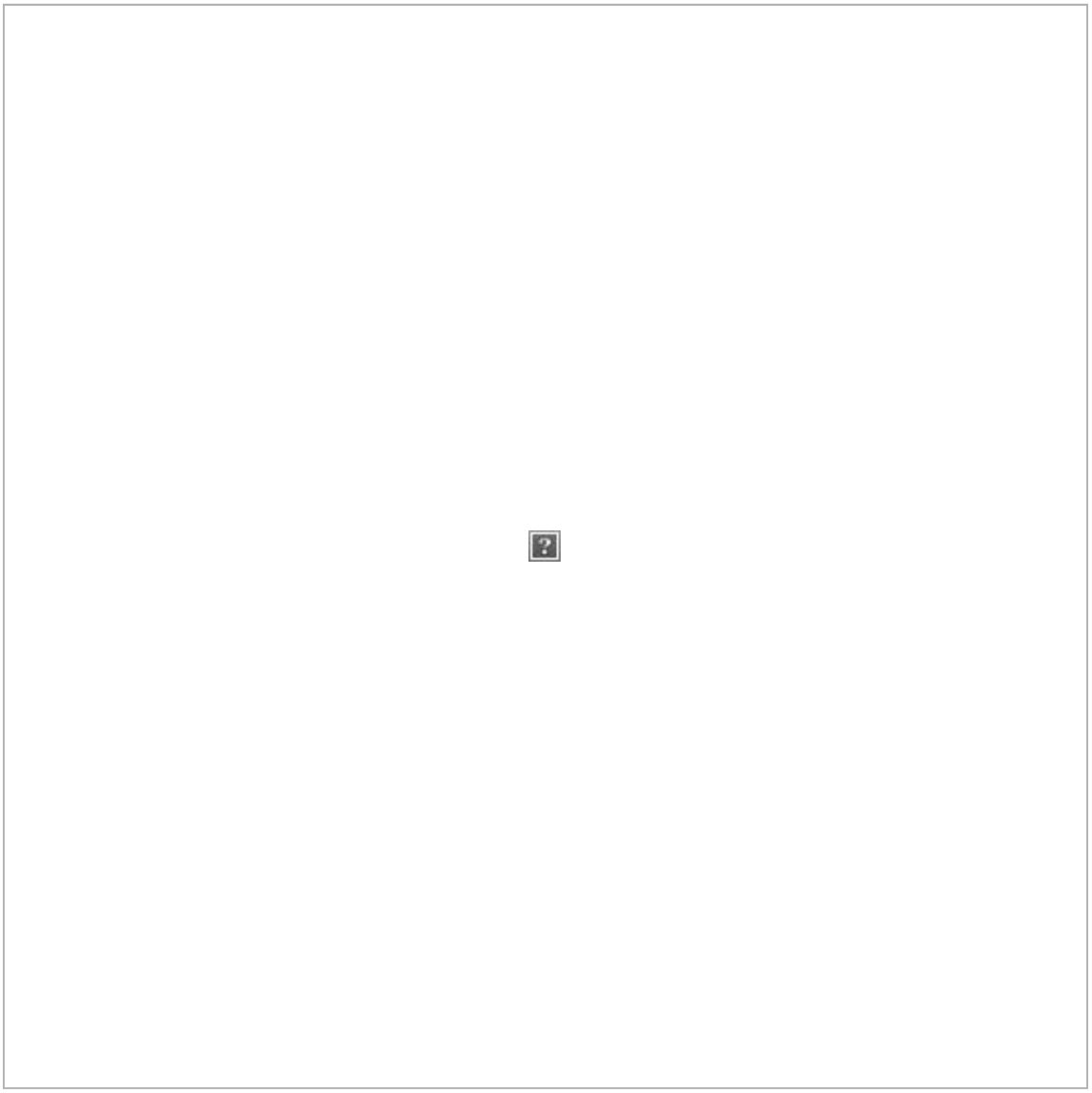

Dear Chuck,

The 50th ALEC Annual Meeting will be here before you know it, and our event has something for everyone!

Our Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for policymakers committed to free enterprise and individual liberty. State legislators, elected local officials, and public policy experts gather to discuss and address major state policy issues, participate in interactive and immersive learning experiences, and connect with peers and industry experts from across the states.

Be sure to **check out Kidâ s Congress**, which we will host again this year. All children, ages 6 months to 17 years, are welcome to participate. We will have age-

oriented planned activities for them, which will all take place at the on-site center. Children from ages 6 to 17 will have the chance to go off-site to see more of what Orlando has to offer.

Register Now

The hotel is also just minutes away from some of Orlandoâ s best theme parks! Use the link below to access discounted tickets to area theme parks and more. Be sure to budget time to take advantage of the best that Orlando has to offer.

Discounted Opportunities

This year we will host our Annual Meeting Welcome Reception in Universal Studios at the Universal City Walk! Join us on the evening of Wednesday, July 26 as the Florida Host Committee welcomes us to their home state. Plan to dress â theme-park casualâ and bring the kids! With the purchase of a ticket, you will be able to take in everything Universal has to offer during their late night park hours

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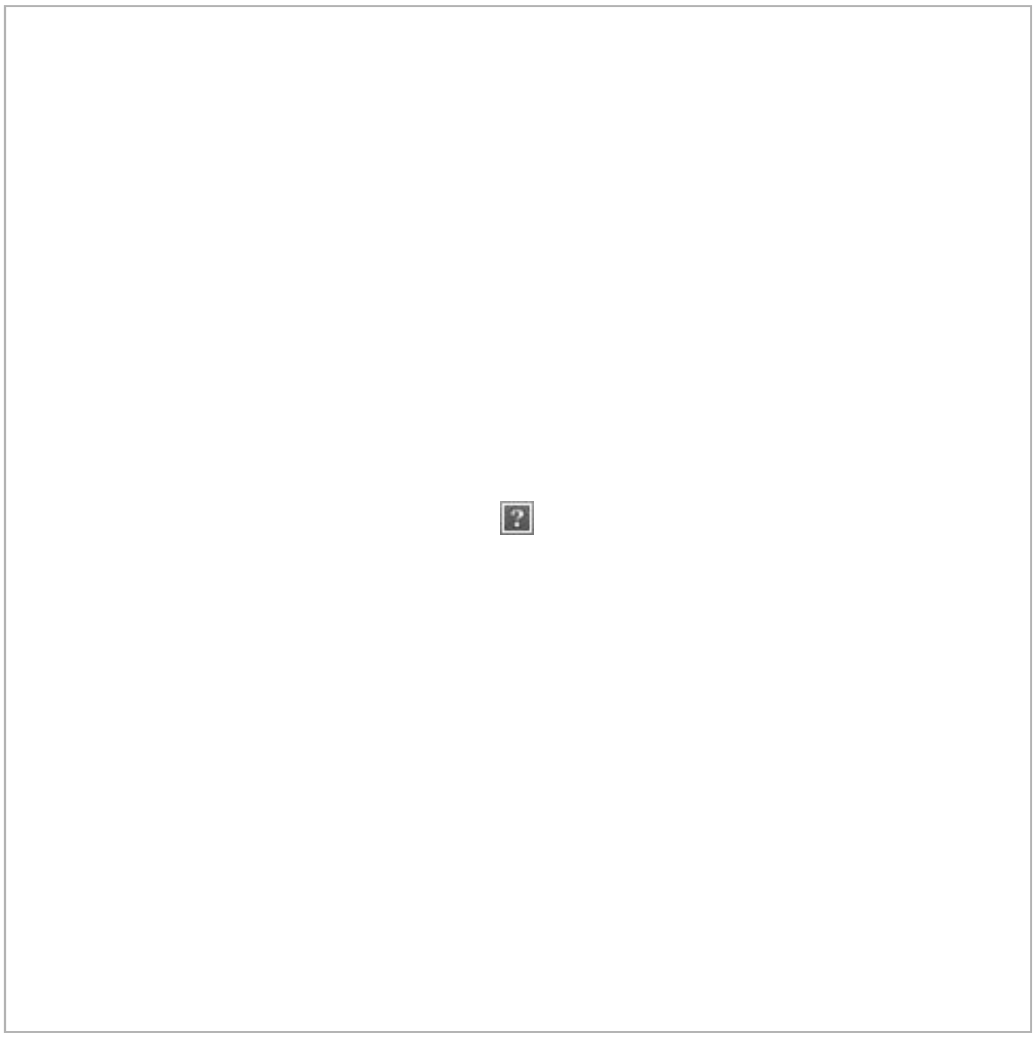
following the reception. An email with additional information on purchasing tickets will be coming soon!

We have partnered with Southwest Airlines to provide you with discounted plane tickets, making the trip even more affordable! Take advantage of this opportunity by following the steps below.

1. Visit the Southwest Business website **here**.
2. Enter the ALEC Company ID:**99133580** to qualify for eligible discounted rates.
3. Prior to clicking â Continueâ , be sure to click the arrow under the Company ID to enter your Rapid Rewards Account Information.
4. Once you click â Continueâ , you will begin making your travel plans.

Have questions? Contact the ALEC Meetings Team at **meetings@alec.org**.



Interested in sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities for the 50th/10th ALEC & ACCE Annual Meeting? Please contact **meetings@alec.org** for more information.

Register here to join us in July. We hope to see you there!

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Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
Vice President of Events

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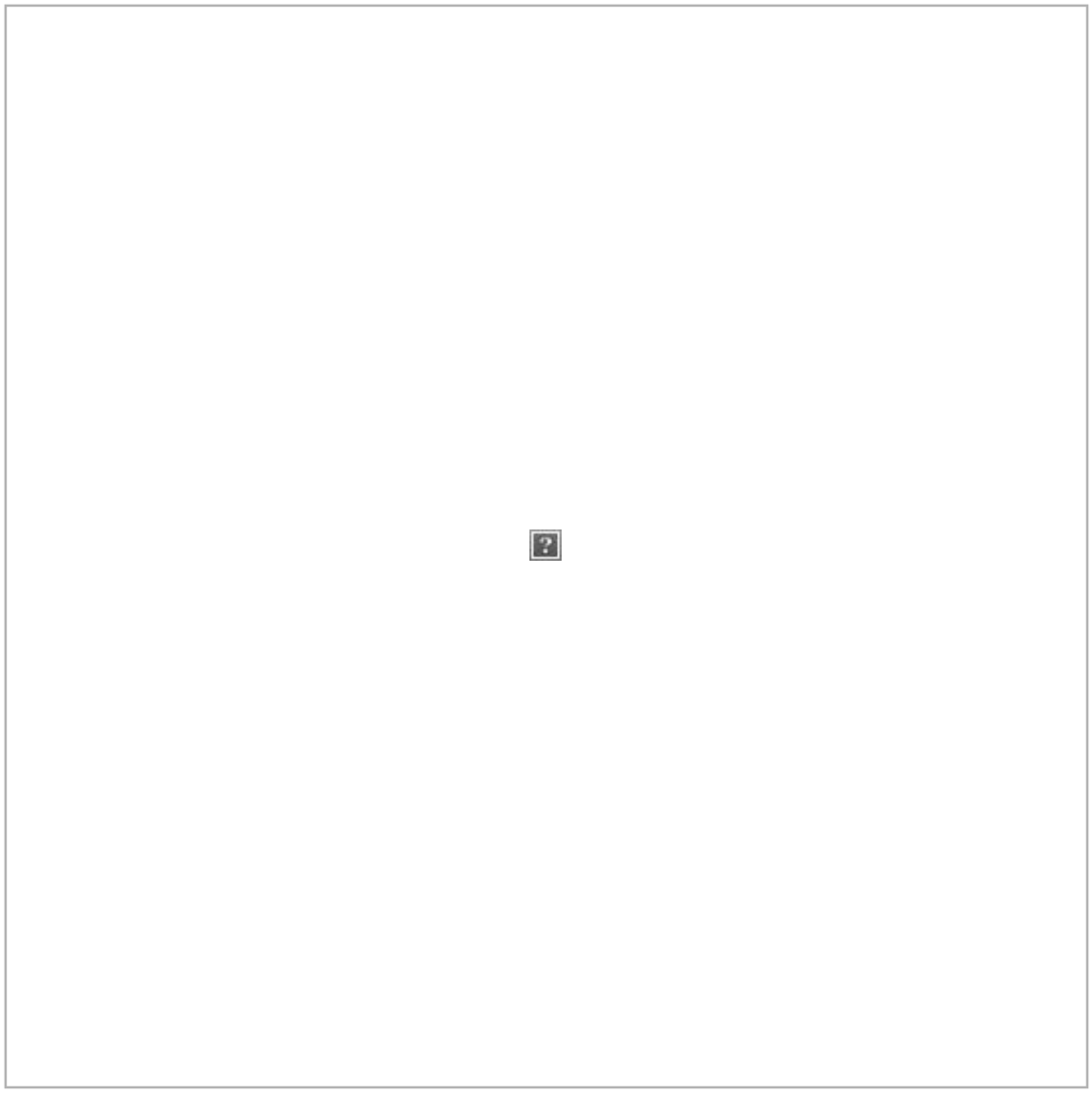
Other Upcoming Events



It is never too early to begin thinking about our upcoming gala to celebrate the ALEC 50th Anniversary. Our ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. **Mark your calendars for October 4th in DC at the National Portrait Gallery!**

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Save the date for the **ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit, November 28 â November 30, 2023** in **Scottsdale, AZ**! ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the fall of 2023.

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Subject: CEO Update: April 2023
Date: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 8:26:16 AM

Dear Chuck,

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the promise of redemption and hope. In the Christian tradition, in just three days we went from Good Friday, the penultimate moment of darkness to the moment where light and hope were restored.

As many states reach the end or midpoint of their legislative sessions, I am optimistic in what I am seeing around the country. If we fix our eyes on the positive future created when free people are allowed to pursue

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opportunity, we find hope, along with the strength and encouragement to continue to make a difference.

Thanks to your continued support, leaders of state governments are equipped to better understand the impact of the policies they support, and why some states create booming economies while others send residents fleeing in droves.

And, in April just as we celebrate Easter we also are reminded on April 15th about the role our government has in our lives. Each April working with Dr. Arthur Laffer and Steve Moore ALEC wraps up our annual assessment of the economic outlook and performance of the 50 states and how they compete with one another. Click **here** to see where your state currently ranks.

Thanks to your support, this playbook for success has been a tool we use throughout the country to educate and try our best to lessen government impact on our lives. Next week we will release our 16th Annual Rich States, Poor States Report.

The impact doesnâ t stop at academic curiosity. Policymakers are taking heed of ALECâ s research, and changing the direction of their policy agendas for the better.

In 2022 alone, we saw five new states become flat tax states starting with ALEC alumnus Governor Kim Reynolds in Iowa, and expanding to Arizona, Mississippi, Georgia, and Idaho.

â A freedom movement has been unleashed because of Rich States, Poor States. Iâ m really proud to have been a part of it from the start,â says economist Steve Moore, coauthor of the report.

Watch our next video from the 50th anniversary series, Rich States, Poor States with Art Laffer, Steve Moore and others where they review the topline findings of Rich States, Poor States.

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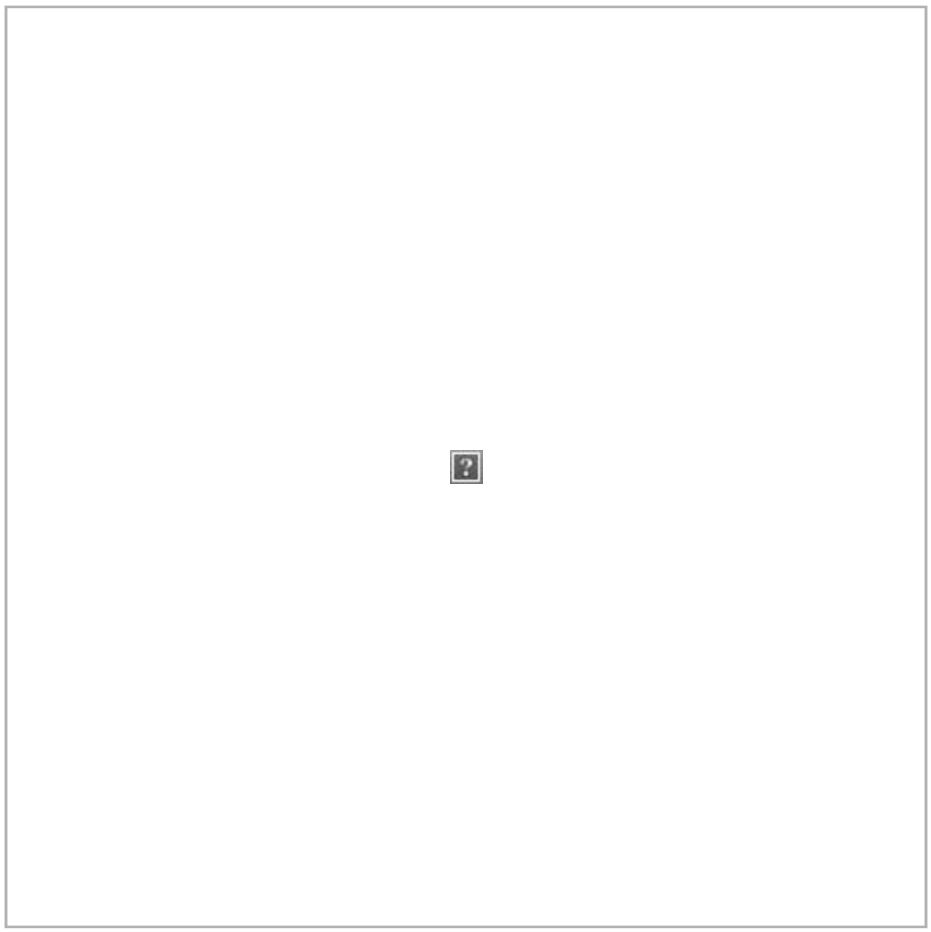

With your help, I believe that more policymakers will take action to improve their stateâ s financial standing. Will you share Rich States, Poor States with someone in your community? Showing how policy impacts people is our best chance of winning the battle of ideas.

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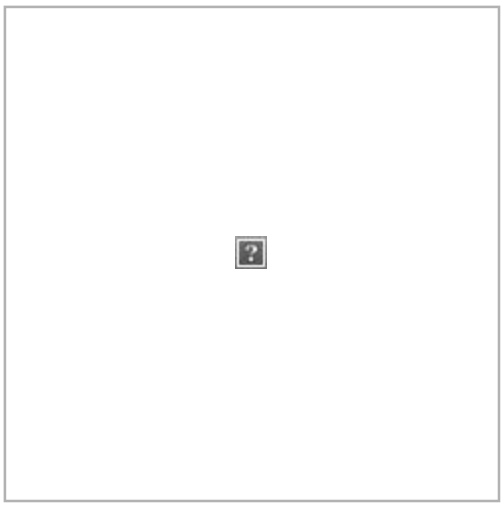
Dear ALEC members and friends,

Like you, I get more in my email than I have time to read.

Like you, I have to be selective about what gets my attention. That's why I wanted to commend to you the daily Committee to Unleash Prosperity *Hotline*. It's written by a talented group of people led by our partner on many issues, Steve Moore who, in a short and concise manner, tells me the things I need to know about things I want to know about.

You know Steve and committee



co-founders Steve Forbes and Dr. Arthur Laffer. So when I tell you the *Hotline* covers everything from the real story about inflation to whatâ s going on in the states thatâ s driving the free market movement closer and closer to victory on key issues, you can believe me.

And they do it every day, free of charge. Iâ d like you to consider subscribing.

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Here's a link to a receive the March 23rd issue featuring ALEC. If you like what you read, sign up.

I promise: You wonâ t regret it.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
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Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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Dear Chuck,

Where will you be July 26th through 28th? I hope the answer is the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting!

This year marks our 50th Anniversary celebrating 50 years of trusted policy solutions that benefit all Americans. We are looking forward to celebrating this anniversary throughout the year, and we can't wait to gather together at the JW Marriott, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting.

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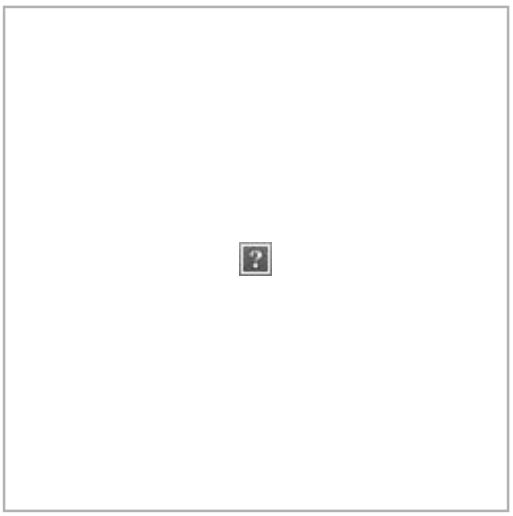

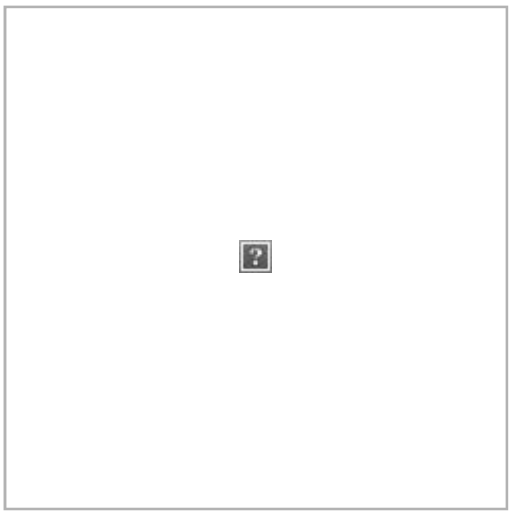

Our annual conferences are where we join together with our colleagues from around the country, learn about the solutions others are adopting in their home states, have open debates about policy prescriptions, and hear about best practices for tackling the most pressing policy issues. **Will we see you there?**

Register Now

Registration opens today for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting! Early bird rates will end on May 31, 2023 so make your plans today and save on your registration fees.

As in the past, our event is family-friendly, so bring the entire family to Orlando for an unforgettable experience. Don't forget to register your kids for the **ALEC Kid's Congress program**! If you're looking for fun things to do in Orlando, be sure to check out Universal CityWalk, Old Town in Kissimmee, ICON Park (with its famous observation wheel), Lake Nona Sculpture Garden, and, of course, water parks. Orlando is home to some of America's biggest theme parks.

Check out the VisitOrlando page **here** to learn more about the exciting things to do in Orlando, FL!

Want to know what to expect? View the current agenda **here** for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Check back often as we are continually updating the details.

Still deciding if you want to join us in Orlando? Take a minute to look back on the 2022 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia with this **short video** highlighting last year's event.

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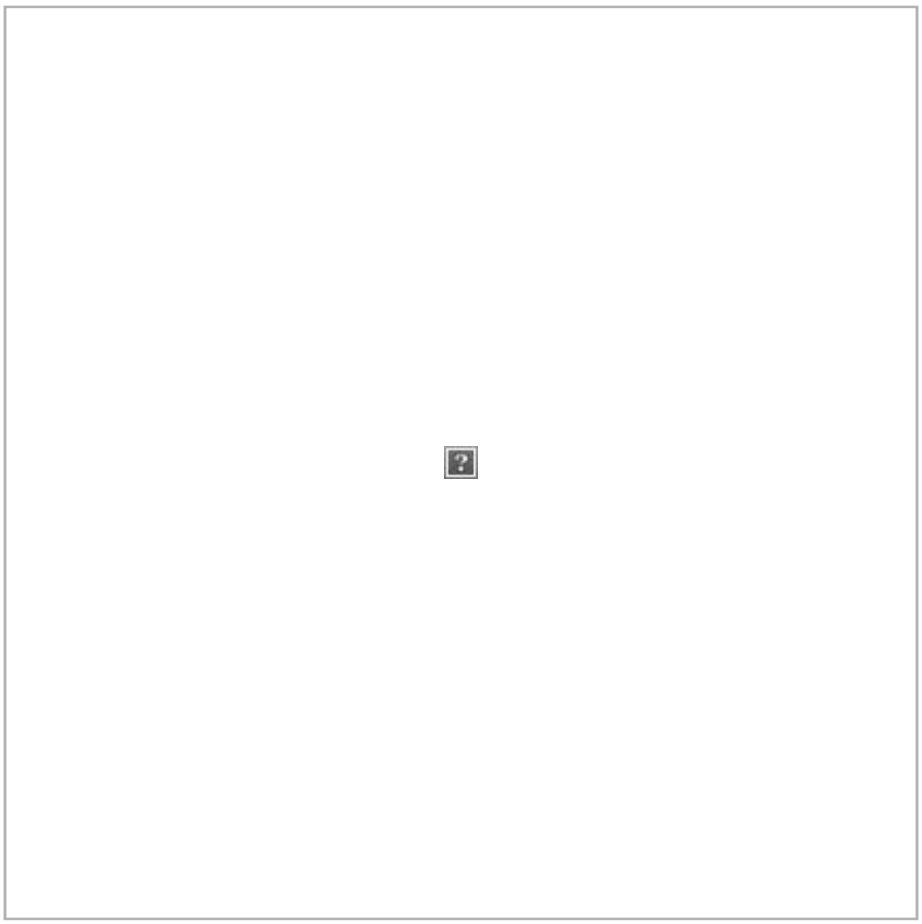

If you would like to support the ALEC Annual Meeting as either a sponsor or an exhibitor, please reach out to our Events Team at **meetings@alec.org**. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis!

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

Courtney Cook
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Other Upcoming Events

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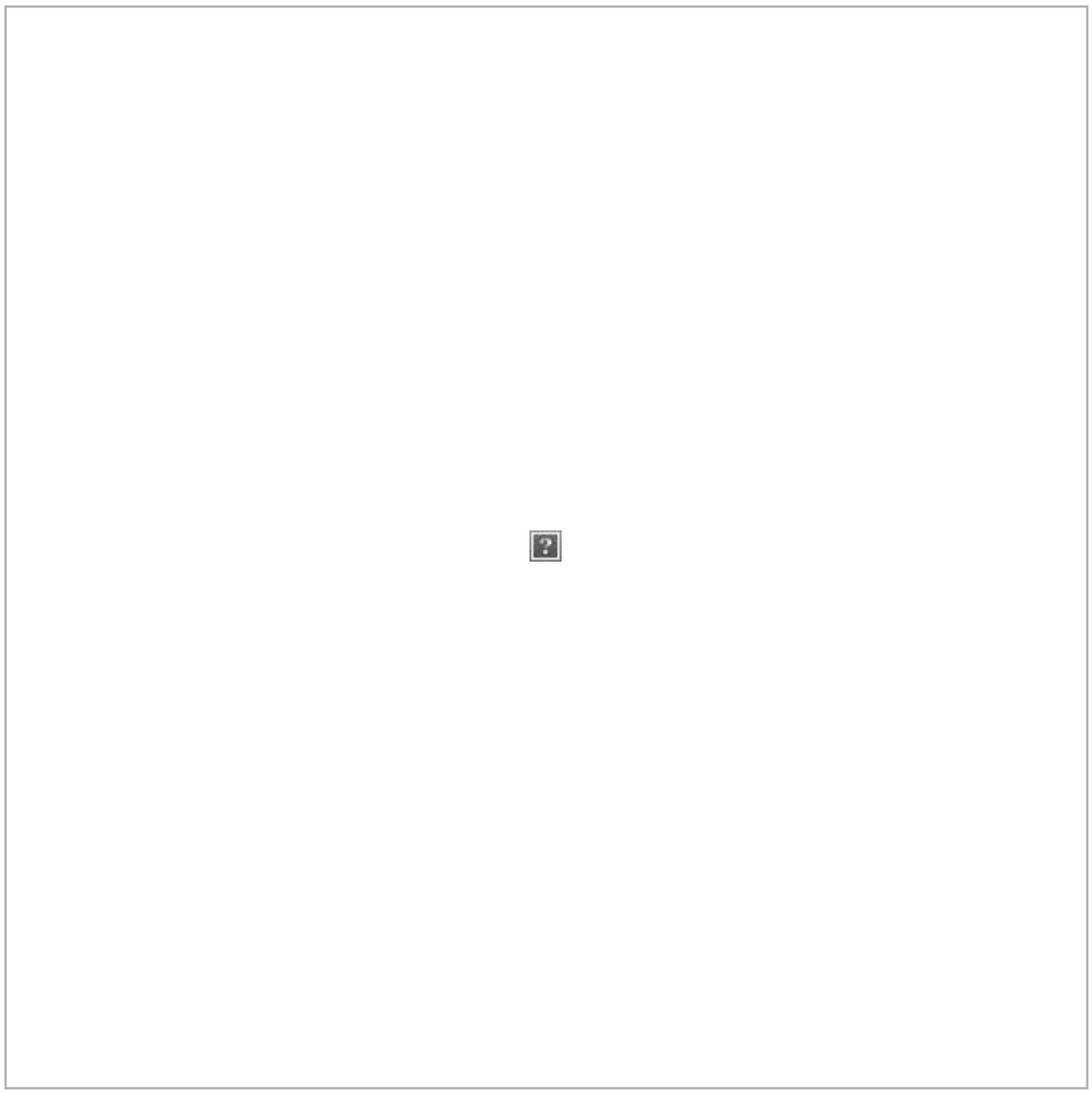

It is never too early to begin thinking about our upcoming gala to celebrate the ALEC 50th Anniversary. Our ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. **Mark your calendars for October 4th in DC at the National Portrait Gallery!**

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Mark your calendars for the **ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit, November 28 â November 30, 2023** in **Scottsdale, AZ**! ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the fall of 2023.

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Dear Chuck,

Thereâ s a lot going on at ALEC and around the country and I have so much to update you on. Please read all the way through â this is important.

Just last week in major policy development, I was buoyed by the messages being sent by many in the public sphere in support of business and job creators. ALEC has been the victim of so much of what we now recognize as â cancel cultureâ or intimidation by special interest

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groups â and we have suffered from misrepresentations of who we are by outsiders and the media â what we are is a 50 year strong nonpartisan member organization of free market, limited government legislators who believe that the states should be the laboratories of Democracy. What we are is a policy solution focused organization that welcomes all state based elected officials to work with us on issues that affect our success as a nation.

As such, last weekâ s actions are worth noting. They suggest a shift and a realignment of thinking as it relates to how business should be able to protect their shareholders interests.

> In the US Senate â
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> In a joint resolution passed last week, Congress followed one of ALEC's **Essential Policy Solutions for 2023** to protect retirees by keeping politics out of pensions. The *bipartisan* votes in the House and Senate were rejection of a new **Department of Labor rule** that allows pension plan managers to incorporate politics into their investment decisions. Hats off to Senator Mike Braun of Indiana and Representative Andy Barr of Kentucky, who led this effort on Capitol Hill.
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> As a part of this news, ALEC alumnus, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia voted in favor of the resolution. In his words, â The ESG ruleâ ¦is just another example of how our Administration prioritizes a liberal policy agenda over protecting and growing the retirement accounts of 150 million Americans that will be in jeopardy.â
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> And in the Wall Street Journal we saw a remarkable editorial that Vanguard would not base their investments on any type of standards set by outside influences. ALEC applauds Vanguard CEO Tim Buckley when he **stated**, â Our research indicates that ESG investing does not have any advantage over broad-based investing.â ALEC applauds this principled stance.

As ALEC celebrates 50 years of trusted policy solutions, we remain committed to help individuals from all walks of life identify those best practices that lead to growth and opportunity. We recognize that opportunity is the great equalizer and driver of success.

For 2023, our policy team has analyzed the best free market ideas to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level in Washington. With these Essential Policy Solutions and others, weâ re seeking to support employees and strengthen their First Amendment freedoms. **Read more about ALECâ s newly released Essential Policy Solutions for 2023.**

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Weâ re proud to see the economic growth in the 28 states that have embraced issues like the Right to Work â especially in Tennessee, where voters protected in the state constitution their rights to freedom of association when it comes to the decision to participate in a union.

But employee freedoms still face opposition, notably in Illinois where a constitutional amendment, equally and opposite to Tennessee's, has encroached on the Right to Work.

I shared with you earlier in the year in honor of our 50th Anniversary, each month we would showcase a policy that has worked to keep states competitive. This month we unveil our first video on "Worker Freedom," highlighting ALEC's 50 years of trusted policy solutions.

Read more about ALECâ s history of championing worker freedom.

These regressive changes in Illinois are the antithesis of the prosperous reforms made by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and a stalwart group of state legislators who implemented important safeguards against boundless union bargaining with public employees.

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Always key to our strategic vision is ALECâ s ability to monitor and respond to developments in state legislatures across the country. With the laboratories of state legislation in full-swing, and motions on these critical reforms short at hand, it is crucial that policy leaders organize for action.

And today, Iâ m thrilled to share with you that registration opens tomorrow for the 50th ALEC Annual Meeting. Led by the countryâ s top policy experts and state legislators representing all 50 states, the ALEC Annual Meeting is the epicenter of policy development.

Learn more about attending the ALEC Annual Meeting in Orlando, July 26 - 28, 2023. Join your colleagues from across the country at this canâ t miss event to learn, debate and promote policy solutions to take back to your home state.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and in the meantime, we're keeping up with the great work you do.

Sincerely,

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UPDATES & EVENTS Â

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Â In this edition of the newsletter, we're excited to feature:

Commissioner Christy McCormick begins her term as EAC Chairwoman

EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks Hosts Election Security Virtual Panel

Upcoming EAC Public Meeting March 15: " Official Voter List Accuracy and List Maintenanceâ

Local Leadership Council (LLC) Passes Initial Committee Bylaws

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Â Poll Worker Recruitment Roundtable Discussion Recap

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Commissioner Christy McCormick Begins Term as EAC Chairwoman

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On February 24, Commissioner Christy McCormick began her year-long tenure as Chairwoman of the EAC; a position she has held twice before during her time at the agency. She will serve alongside Commissioner Benjamin Hovland, who also began his year-long term as Vice Chair of the agency. They both continue to serve alongside EAC Commissioners Donald Palmer and Thomas Hicks.

Chairwoman McCormick identified the following areas she would like to build on as priorities for the agency in the coming year, including:

- Producing work to support election administrators as they prepare for upcoming elections. This includes efforts to enhance election security, sharing best election practices, and supporting other key areas of election administration.
- Increasing EACâ s initiatives regarding accessibility for voters with disabilities, including increased resources and staff dedicated to accessibility.Â
- Working with election officials and stakeholders to utilize the data from the 2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) that will be released this summer.
- Providing states with guidance to invest HAVA funding into mission critical purchases such as new election equipment to replace the nationâ s aging election systems.Â

Chairwoman McCormick assumes the role in place of outgoing Chairman Thomas Hicks, whose term spanned February 2022 through February 2023. More information on the transition can be found in the **EACâ s press release**.

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EAC Commissioner Hicks Hosts Virtual Election Official Security Panel with Members of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections

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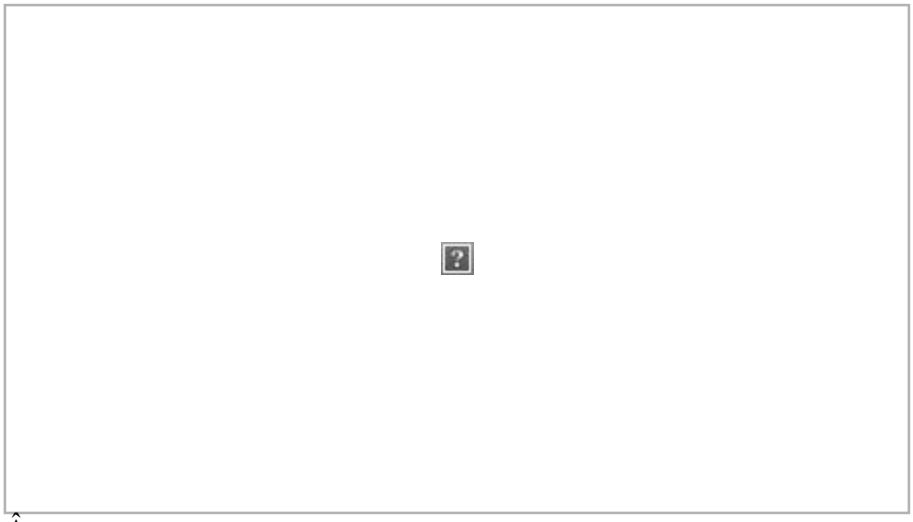

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EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks led a panel discussion on election official security with Veronica Degraffenreid, Senior Manager of Strategic Partnerships for the Brennan Center of Justice, and former Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Director of Election Operations in North Carolina; Tina Barton, Senior Election Expert for The Elections Group, and former Michigan City Clerk; and Justin Smith, a former Sheriff of Larimer County, Colorado. The participants are also members of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections (CSSE), which works to support practices and policies that protect election officials and voters from threats, intimidation, and violence. Â

The discussion focused on how threats to election officials affect their mental health and the ability to do their jobs. The panel also provided tips for election officials as they plan for upcoming elections and work to develop relationships with law enforcement. These tips, along with other CSSE resources for election administrators and law enforcement, are available in the **panel discussion video** and accompanying blog.Â
The EAC also provides **election official security resources on our website**, including best practices, mental health resources, guidance on reporting threats, and more.

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EAC Holds Public Roundtable Discussion on Poll Worker RecruitmentÂ

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On February 8, the EAC held a public roundtable discussion focused on poll worker recruitment, training, and programs. Poll worker recruitment and retention continue to be a challenge for many state and local election offices throughout the country.

The EAC Commissioners moderated two panelsâ â Election Office Innovations in Poll Worker Recruitmentâ and â External Recruitment Efforts for Poll Workers,â on best practices and innovative ways that community members and students can be engaged to fill these roles. Panelists included representatives from the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), Vet the Vote, Suffolk University, as well as local elections offices including Minneapolis, MN; Escambia County, FL; James City County, VA; and Duval County, FL.

If you missed this roundtable discussion, it is available to watch on the **EACâ s YouTube Channel**.

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Feb. 21: Local Leadership Council Bylaws Meeting RecapÂ

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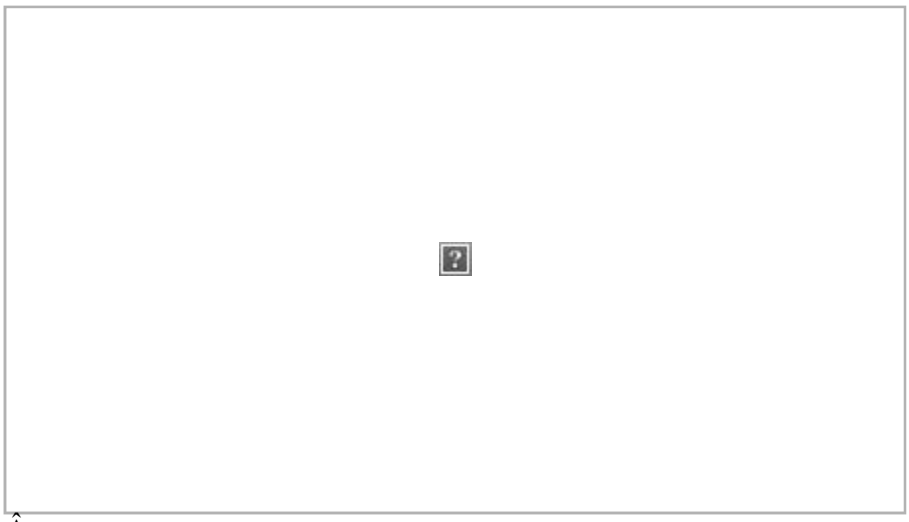

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On February 21, the EACâ s Local Leadership Council (LLC) approved the committeeâ s initial Bylaws during its virtual meeting. The **LLC Bylaws** establish the guidelines for the conduct of council members, meetings, and subcommittees. The Bylaws also address topics such as the process for calling and conducting meetings, the establishment of committees, the structure of the Executive Committee, the makeup of Regional Committees, and the process of holding elections.Â

LLC members provide recommendations and feedback to the EAC on a range of subjects including voter registration, voting system user practices, ballot administration (programming, printing, and logistics), processing, accounting, canvassing, chain of custody, certifying results, and auditing.

The EAC appoints two members from each state to the 100-member LLC after soliciting nominations from each stateâ s election official professional association.

A recording of the February 21 LLC meeting, which also include discussions on the committeeâ s organizational structure and the logistics of future LLC annual meetings, can be found on the **EACâ s YouTube channel**.Â

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EAC Partners with Federal Election Commission on Panel for Black History

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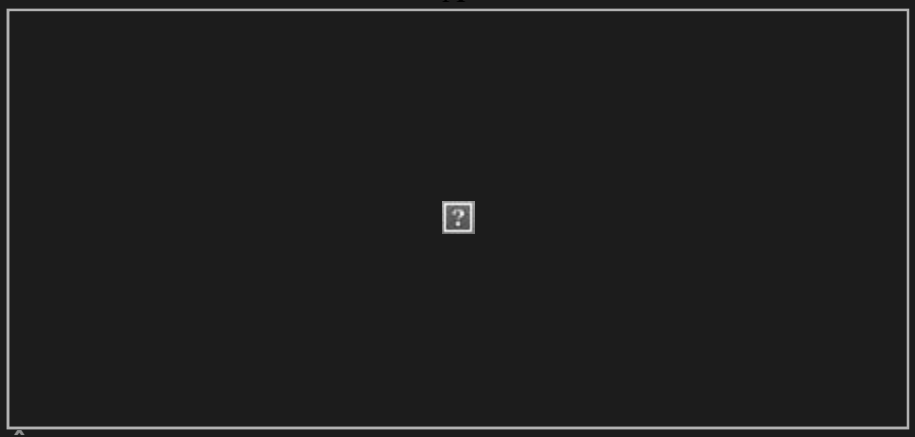

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On February 21, EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks joined Federal Election Commission (FEC) Commissioner Shana Broussard in moderating the FECâ s panel, â On Account of Race, Color, or Precious Condition of Servitude: Black History and Democracyâ s Future.â Professors from George Washington University Law School and Rutgers Law School participated in the conversation with a former Commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The panel discussed topics including multiracial democracy, candidate pool diversity, barriers to casting a vote, and more.

Watch the event recording on the **FECâ s website**.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Attend the EACâ s Public Meeting about Official Voter List Accuracy and List Maintenance on March 15, 2023

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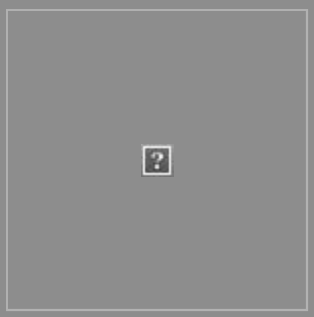

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On March 15, join the EAC for a public meeting in the agencyâ s

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hearing room at 1 p.m. E.T. This discussion will focus on how different jurisdictions manage voter list maintenance, the challenges they face, and best practices. This event will be held in person at 633 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, and will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube channel.**

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **eventâ s webpage**. Registration for virtual attendance is not required.

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Clearies Update: Winners to be Announced this Spring

The deadline to submit entries for the **2022 Clearinghouse Awards**, also known as â Clearies,â has passed. The EAC received about 100 submissions total! Thank you to everyone who took the time to apply. Judges from the EACâ s advisory boards will be reviewing all the innovative and creative submissions, and winners will be announced this spring. Information on winners and their best practices will be available at **www.eac.gov/clearies**.

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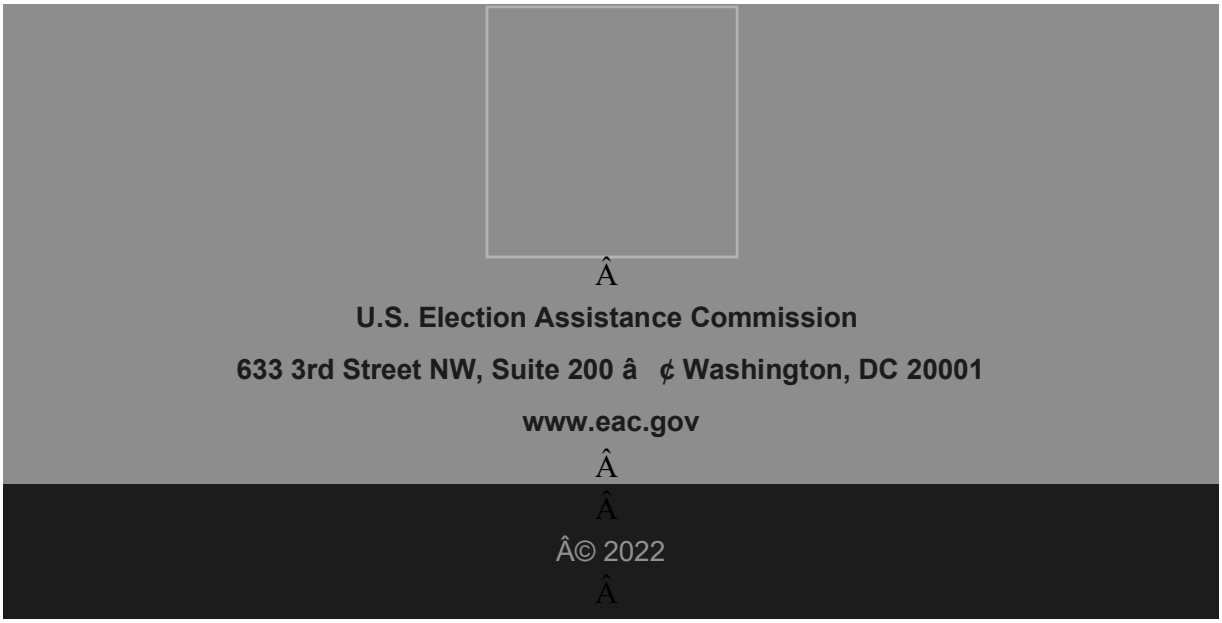

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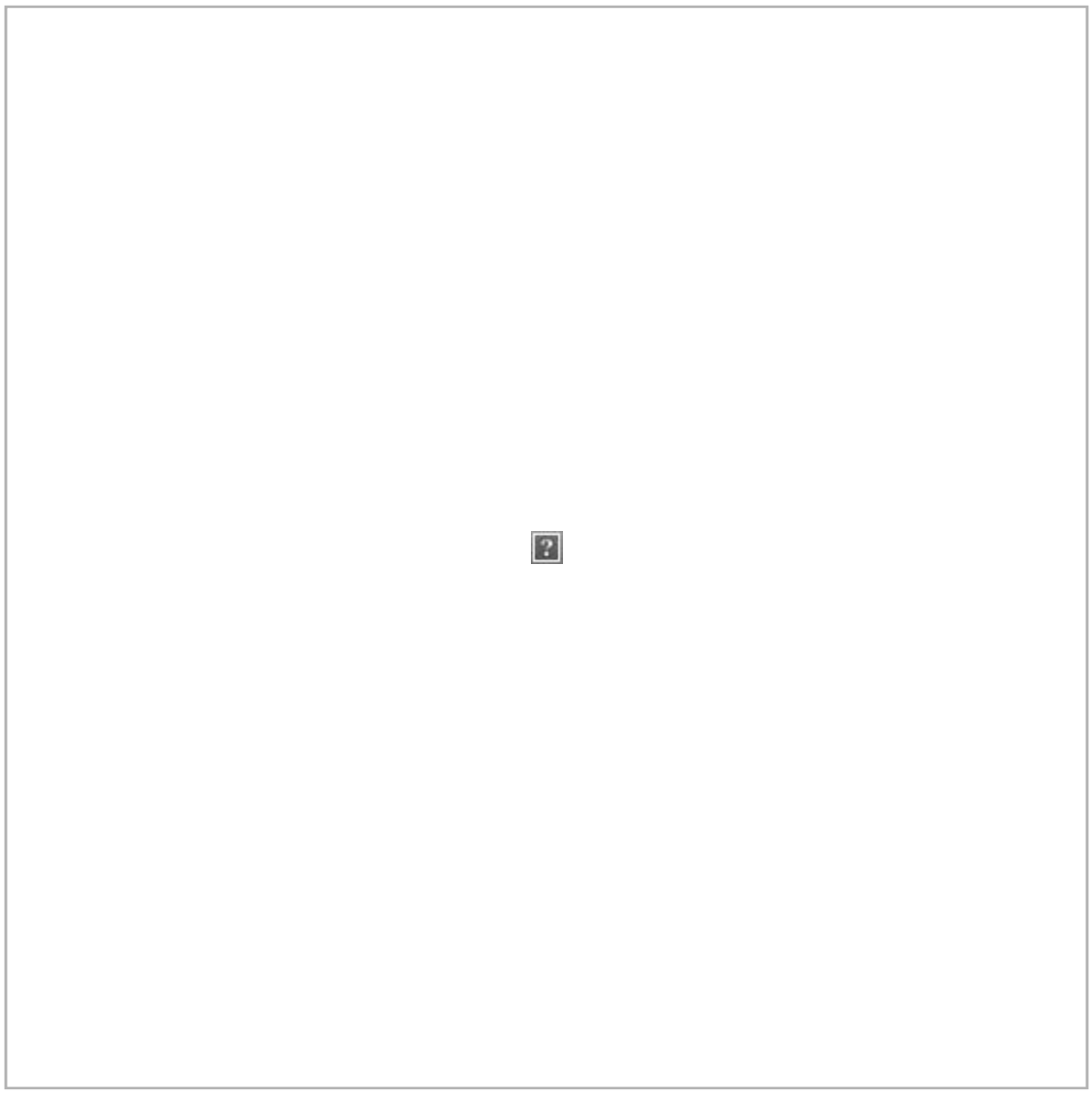

50th ALEC Annual Meeting: July 26 â 28

Important Dates:

â ºEarly-bird registration will begin on **March 8, 2023**

The **50th ALEC Annual Meeting** will take place at the JW Marriott, Grande Lakes in **Orlando, FL** this July 26 â 28. Join your colleagues from across the country at this canâ t miss event to learn, debate and promote policy solutions to take back to your home state. This family friendly event is one you will be talking about for months to come!

If you are interested in supporting the ALEC Annual Meeting as a sponsor or exhibitor, be sure to reach out today to the ALEC Events Team.

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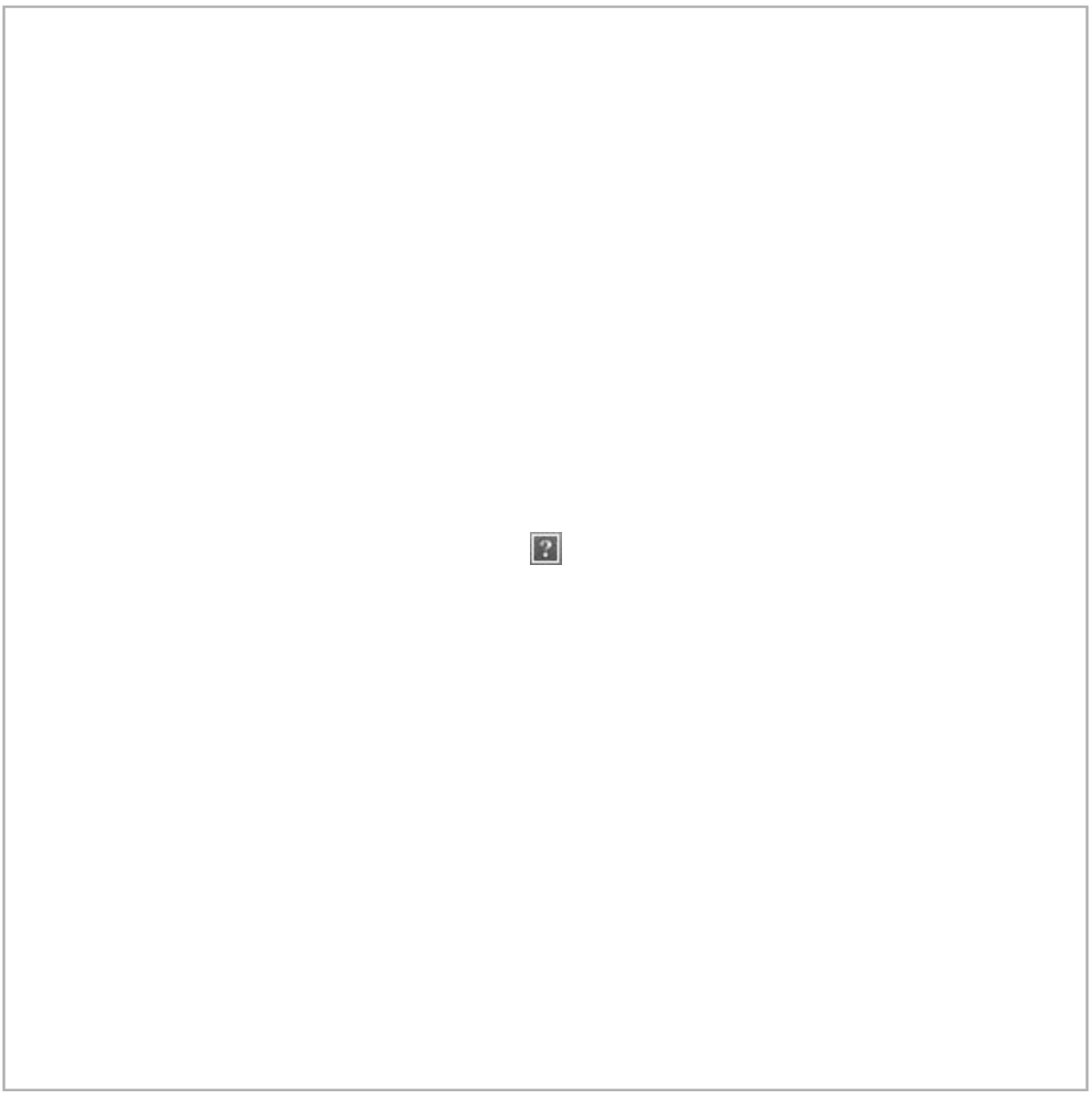

50th Anniversary Gala: October 4

ALEC celebrates its 50th anniversary, a time to be truly thankful for the work being done and the ongoing efforts to educate our state legislators on real issues taking place in the states. For 50 years, ALEC has been the place to find trusted policy solutions. ALECâ s ability to share ideas and inspire change is evident by the decades that ALEC has been around. We will be celebrating this important milestone all year, but we will come together in **Washington, DC** on **October 4th** for the ALEC 50th Anniversary Gala celebration at the **National Portrait Gallery**. More details coming soon!

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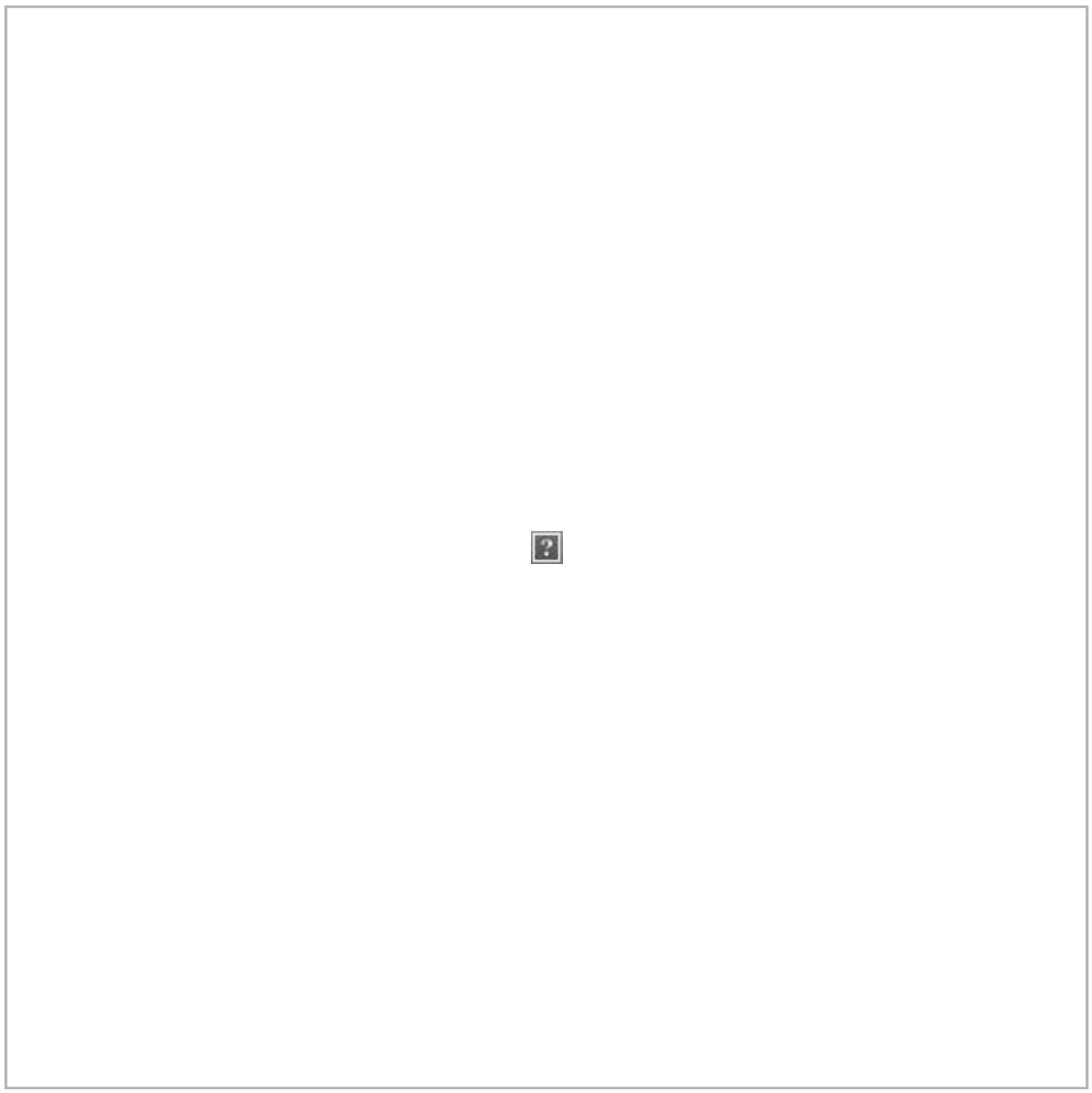

ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit: November 28 â November 30

Join us in **Scottsdale, AZ for the ALEC 2023 States & Nation Policy Summit**, **November 28 â November 30, 2023.** ALEC members and friends will gather for discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the Summit will open in the Fall of 2023.

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Subscribe here to stay update-to-date on other exciting programming ALEC is hosting throughout the year. Hear firsthand how to stay involved with ALEC and be â in-the-knowâ for the release of new publications, ALEC state visits, and other hot topics like our chart-topping podcasts and more.

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Upcoming EAC Events:

- Feb. 8: EAC Public Roundtable Discussion on Poll Workers

- Feb. 21: Local Leadership Council Bylaws Meeting

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Clearinghouse Awards (Clearies) submission period ends on Feb. 28

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The EAC Announces the Appointment of its New Executive Director!

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The EAC is pleased to announce the appointment of Steven Frid as the new Executive Director of the agency. Mr. Frid began his tenure on January 30, replacing Mark A. Robbins, who had served as Interim Executive Director since February 8, 2022.Â

Mr. Frid has dedicated his career to collecting and analyzing data about risks to federal employees, facilities, information, and operations within the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Education. His passion for leading teams and helping others is evidenced by his volunteer service as an elected member on education committees, athletic associations, and non-profit organizations. The EAC is excited to have him on board as the agency prepares for the 2024 elections. The agency would also like to thank Mr. Robbins for his service to the agency and for filling this

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role over the last year. More information on Mr. Fridâ s background can be found in the **EACâ s press release announcing his appointment**.

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FY 2022 Annual Report Highlights

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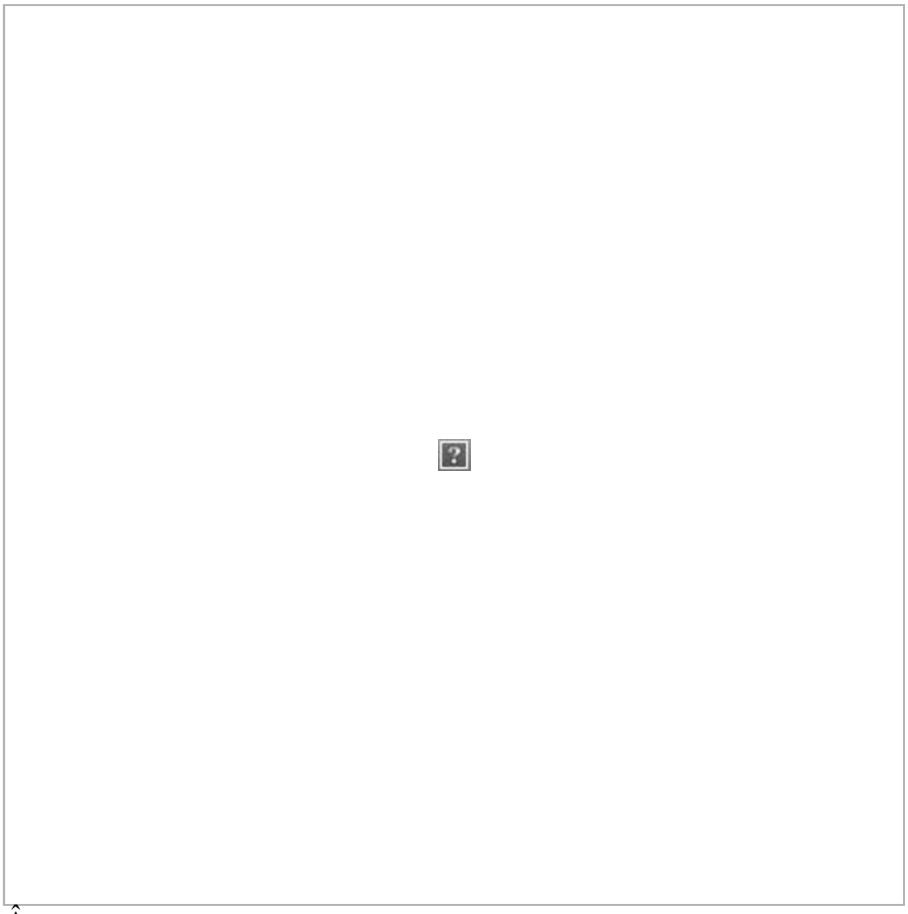

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The EACâ s annual report highlights the work of EAC Commissioners and staff during FY 2022, from new programs and events to Clearinghouse products and financial reporting.

Highlights from the report include:

- The implementation of the **Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0** continued throughout 2022 with the unanimous approval by the EAC Commissioners of the new VVSG Lifecycle Policy.
- The creation of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) to evaluate the security and accessibility of election supporting technologies such as e-poll books, electronic ballot delivery, election night reporting systems, and voter portals.

- The distribution of $75 million in HAVA election security grants, as well as ongoing guidance and auditing of grant funds.
- The release of the EACâ s collaborative report with Rutgers University on **Disability, the Voting Process, and the Digital Divide**. This national survey illuminated the longstanding and critical consequences of the digital divide between people with and without disabilities and how it impacts access to voting information. The report complements other EAC resources on accessibility released this year.

Read the full report on **the EACâ s website**.

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EAC Honors Black History Month

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EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks, Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Commissioner Ben Hovland, and Commissioner Donald Palmer issued a joint statement recognizing Black History Month. The following is an excerpt:

> â Black History Month is a powerful reminder of the civil rights and freedoms Black Americans have fought for, including the pivotal right to vote. Starting with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution to the 1965 Voting Rights Act, our country has made significant strides toward achieving equal protection under the law and realizing the unabridged right to vote. Central to the EAC and the Help America Vote Act is the ideal that every American should be able to vote privately and independently. We remain committed to working on the issues not yet realized to ensure that all eligible Americans have full and equal access to the voting booth and confidence in the fairness of the voting process.â

Read the complete statement.

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Stakeholder Engagement

â Best Practices for â I Votedâ Sticker Contestsâ

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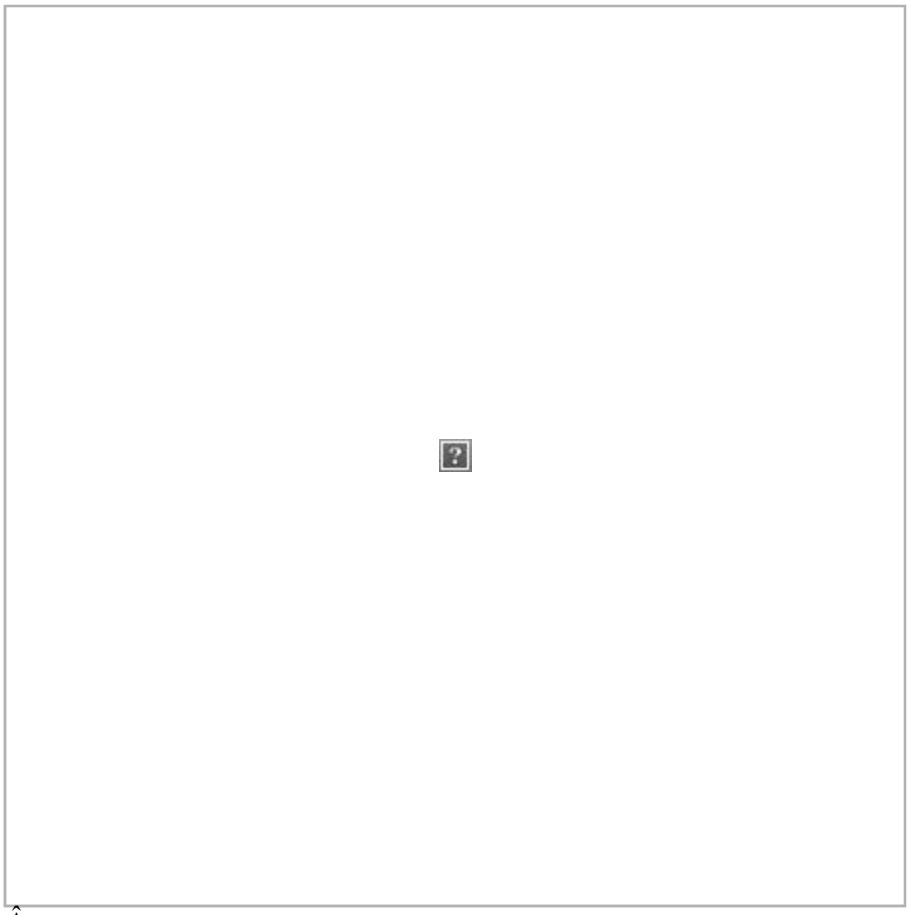

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Last month, Commissioner Ben Hovland hosted a virtual panel on best practices for âI Votedâ sticker design contests. Panelists included Jackie Beaudry, city clerk for Ann Arbor, Michigan; Erin Perrone, Deputy Director for the Carroll County Board of Elections, Maryland; and Commissioner Ashley Torres, from the Ulster County Board of Elections, New York.

The panel discussed the importance of â I Votedâ stickers, how contests can engage the community in other aspects of the election process, and best practices for election offices who are considering similar contests in their jurisdictions. **Watch the video here** and **read the blog here**.

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Southern California Election Offices Are Ready to Serve Voters in 2023 and

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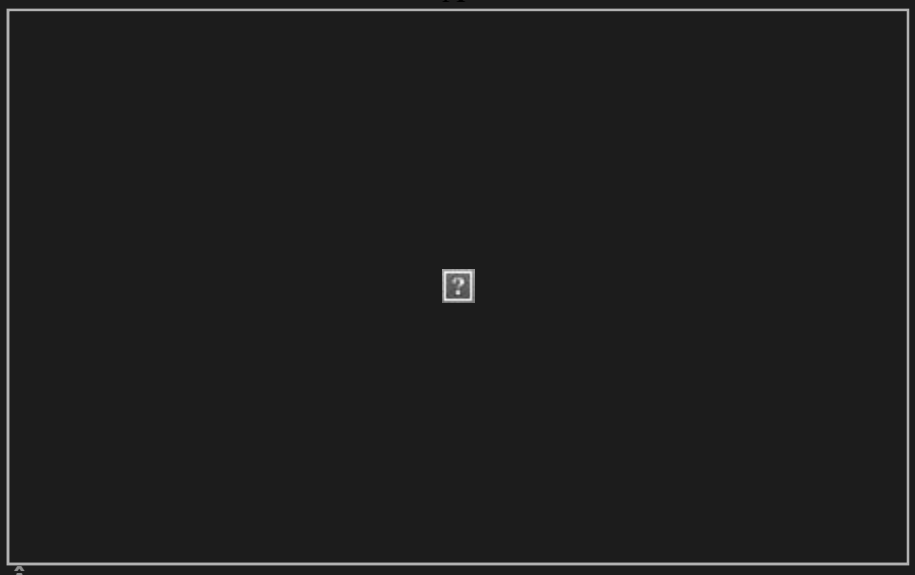

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Commissioner Donald Palmer visited with officials at four county election offices in Southern California to gain insight into how they manage elections operations in large voting populations. Commissioner Palmer met with Dean Logan, the Clerk/Recorder & Registrar of Voters in Los Angeles County; Bob Page, the Registrar of Voters in Orange County; Rebecca Spencer, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters; and Stephanie Shea, the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters. He also toured the Voting Systems for All People (VSAP) facility in LA County.

â As I continue to visit election offices in the future, both large and small, it reinforces my commitment to ensure the needs of all elections officials are heard, and that the EAC is responsive to the wide variety of stakeholders,â said Commissioner Palmer.

You can learn more about the work of these election officials to serve voters in Southern California and improve operations for upcoming elections in this new blog post here.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Attend the EACâ s Public Roundtable Discussion on Feb. 8, 2023

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On February 8, 2023, please join the EAC for a public roundtable discussion in the Agencyâ s hearing room from 1 to 3 p.m. E.T. This discussion will focus on poll worker recruitment, training, and programs. This event will be held in person at 633 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, and will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**.

Register to attend this event in person and learn more on the **eventâ s webpage**.

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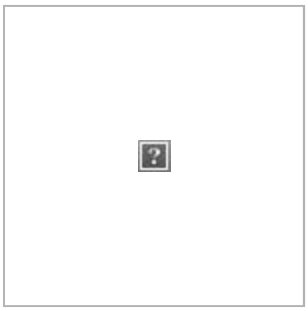

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Attend the Federal Election Commissionâ s panel for Black History Month on Feb. 21, 2023

On February 21, 2023, from noon to 1 p.m. E.T., EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks will converse with FEC Commissioner Shana Broussard and other election experts for the panel â On Account of Race, Color, or Previous Condition of Servitude: Black History and Democracyâ s Future.â Topics of discussion will include multiracial democracy, candidate diversity, barriers to voting, and more. This event is in person and will be live streamed. Register to attend and learn more on the **FECâ s event page**.

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Join the EACâ s Virtual LLC Bylaws Meeting on Feb. 21, 2023

The EACâ s **Local Leadership Council (LLC)** will host a virtual meeting on February 21, 2023, that will be live streamed from 1 to 2:30 p.m. E.T. on the **EACâ s YouTube Channel**. During the meeting, the EACâ s LLC members will consider the adoption of the initial committee bylaws and discuss the organizational structure.

Registration is not required. Learn more on the **LLC meeting event page**.Â

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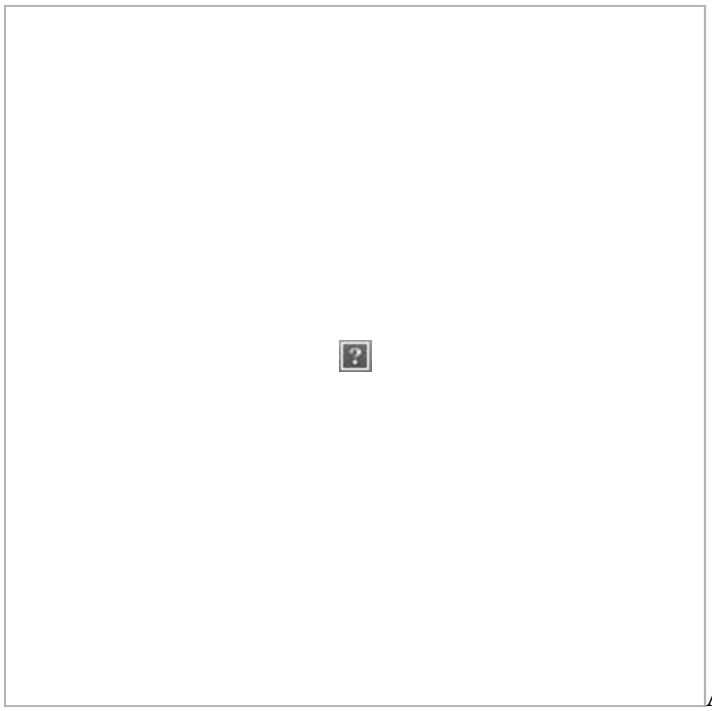

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Clearinghouse Awards 2022 Submission Deadline

The submission period for the EACâ s **2022 National Clearinghouse Awards competition**, also known as the â Clearies,â is now

open. The **deadline for submitting all materials is February 28.**

Jurisdictions of all sizes are encouraged to submit their work. The entries will be judged based on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results. More information on the 2021 Clearies winners can be **found here**.

Please send any questions to **clearinghouse@eac.gov**.

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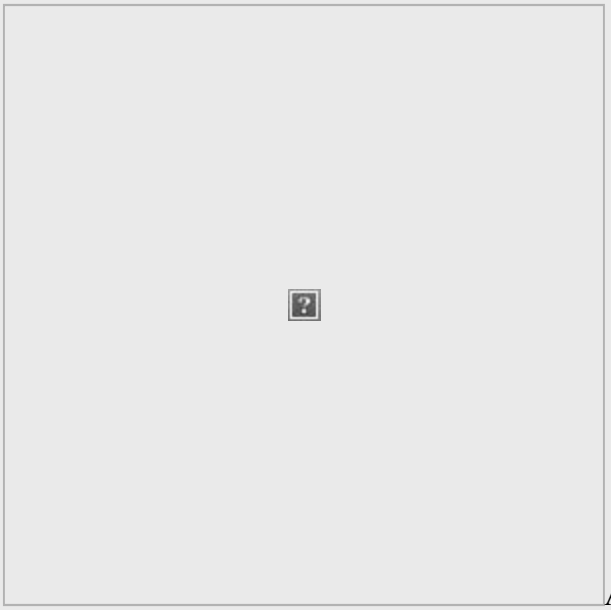

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TGDC Meeting Recap

The EACâ s Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) held its annual meeting on January 26, 2023. This meeting was held virtually and live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**.

Topics of discussion included the status of the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program, updates on the EACâ s Testing and Certification program and NISTâ s Voting Program, and feedback from the October 2022 Path to End-to-End (E2E) Protocols for Voting Systems workshop.

The recording and presentations from the meeting are available on the TGDC **event page**.

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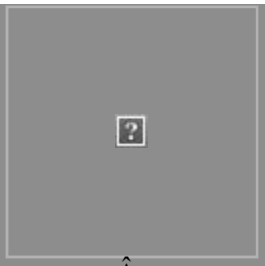

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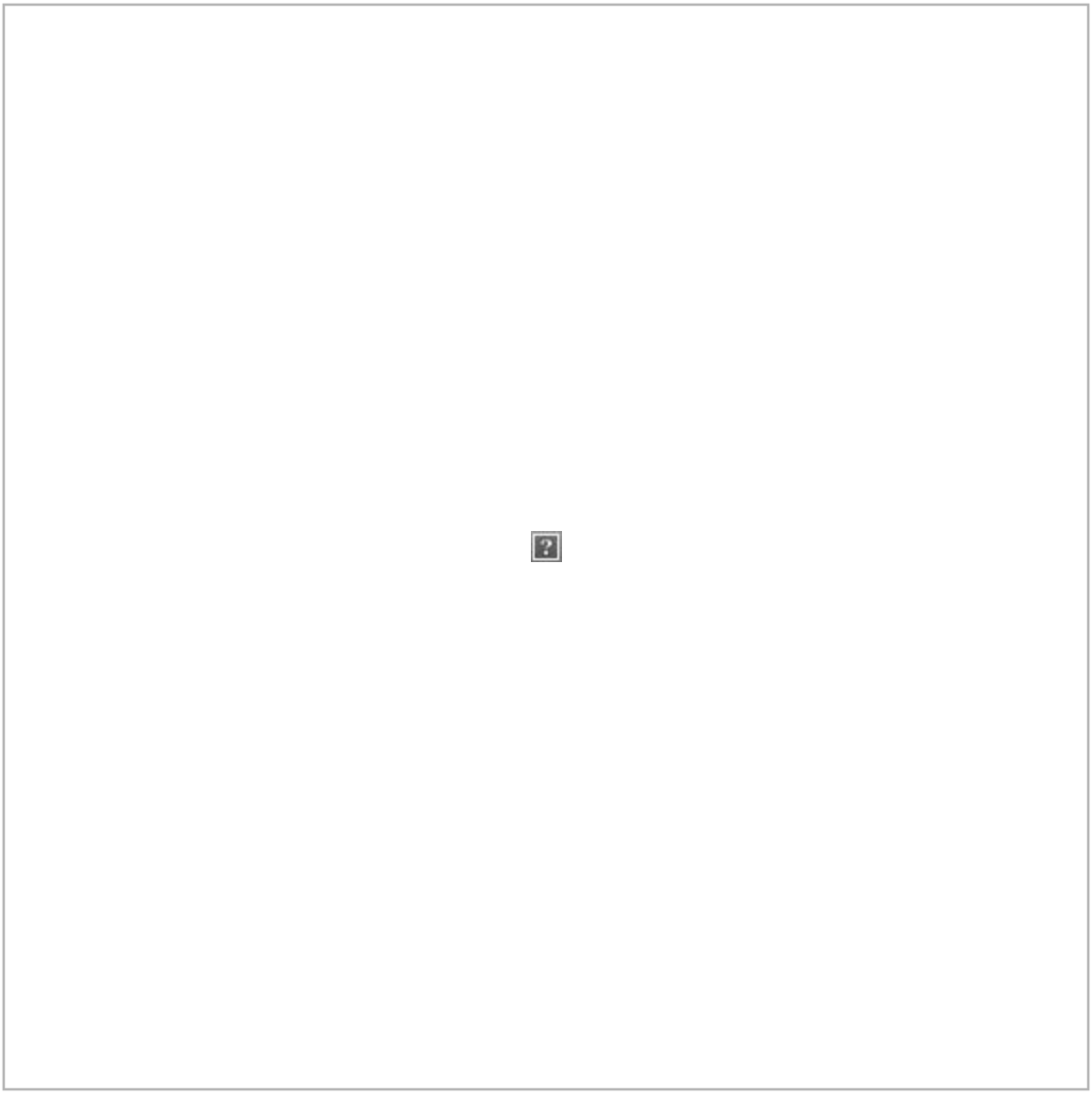

Dear Chuck,

A new year brings us the opportunity to reflect and evaluate how we did to advance the issues we hold so close, those of limited government, free markets, and federalism.

This year, as ALEC celebrates 50 years of trusted policy solutions for legislators across the country, I am proud of what we have accomplished. We have created state-based solutions that work. For half a century, ALEC has been the leader in nonpartisan state policies by working together with businesses, philosophical alliesâ and even sometimes adversaries. The states are strong. We continue to work tirelessly to ensure our policy solutions stay focused and yet uniquely tailored to your needs.

Some people question today: is our system of democracy and our constitution worth preserving? At ALEC, we will defend it and believe that it is paramount for the success of all Americans.

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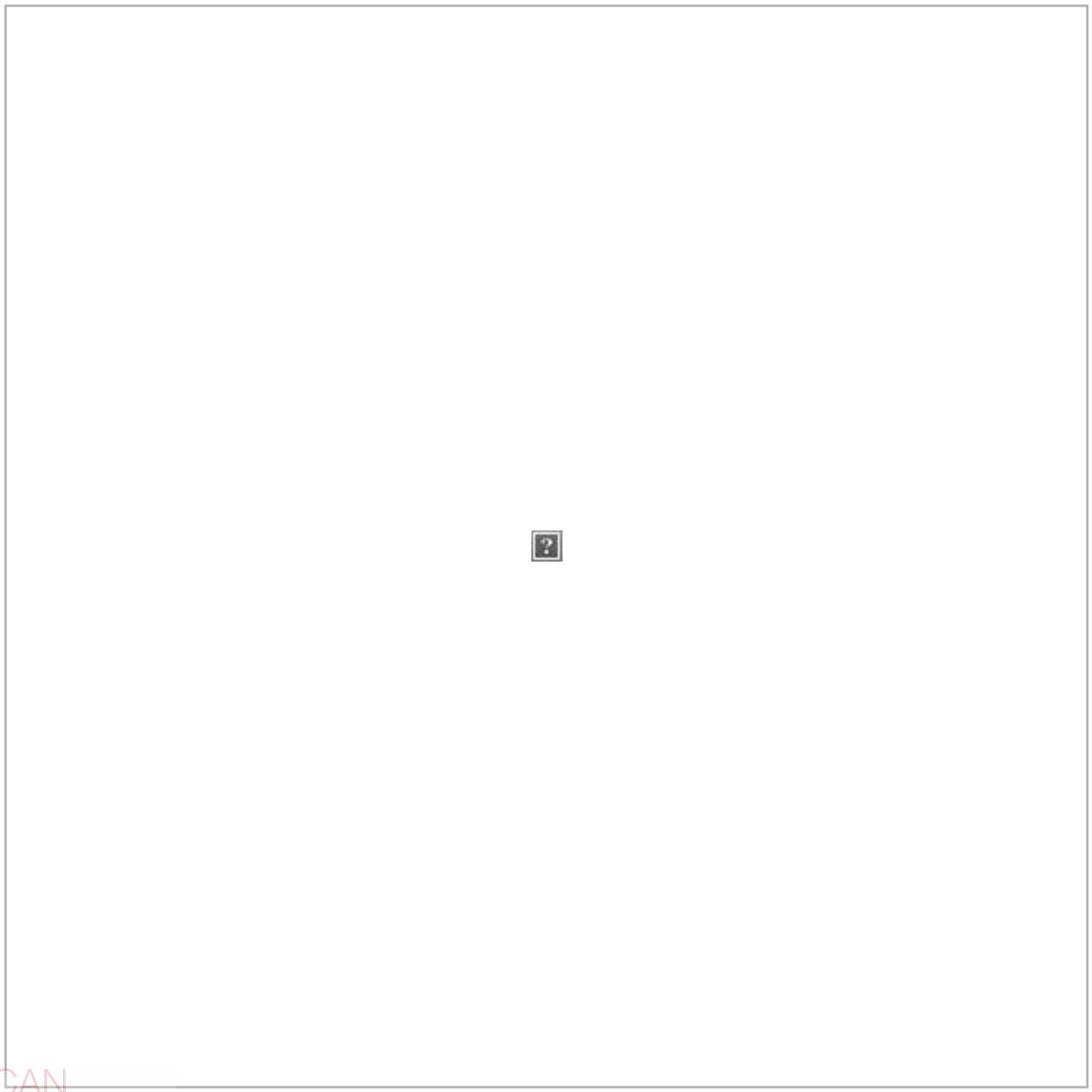
This is a year to stand firm for our values like never before. Over the past two years, we have witnessed unprecedented levels of spending at the federal level. And yet, many of the issues the country faces remain unresolved. But at the local level, many states have taken steps towards implementing policies that empower local businessesâ like the newly-implemented flat tax in Arizona; policies that entrust parents with making the right choice for their children, like the Hope Scholarship in West Virginia; and the stunning growth seen in Utah as a result of excellent fiscal policy initiatives and choices. These are examples of real, tangible impact. ALEC has been at the forefront of that change-making process and we will continue to do so in 2023 and beyond.

This year, I will use this CEO update as a tool to share the success ALEC has seen over all 50 years â each month we will showcase policy that has worked to keep states competitive and share how others can implement those policies to keep their states competitive. I look forward to gaining on the momentum we have seen in the states and I wish you a year filled with success and prosperity. Please continue to keep ALEC as your trusted source for the solutions that meet the needs of all Americans.



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In this monthâ s EAC newsletter, weâ re excited to feature:

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New customizable social media graphics to recruit poll workers in the new year

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Two VSTLs that are now ready to test voting systems to the VVSG 2.0

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Upcoming EAC Events:
- Jan. 26: Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) Annual Meeting
- Feb. 8: EAC Public Hearing

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2022 EAVS Submissions: Due Feb. 1

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Clearinghouse Awards (Clearies) Submission Period: Opens on Jan. 17

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â **Strengthening Election Official State Associationsâ Virtual Panel**

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Thank you for your work in 2022!

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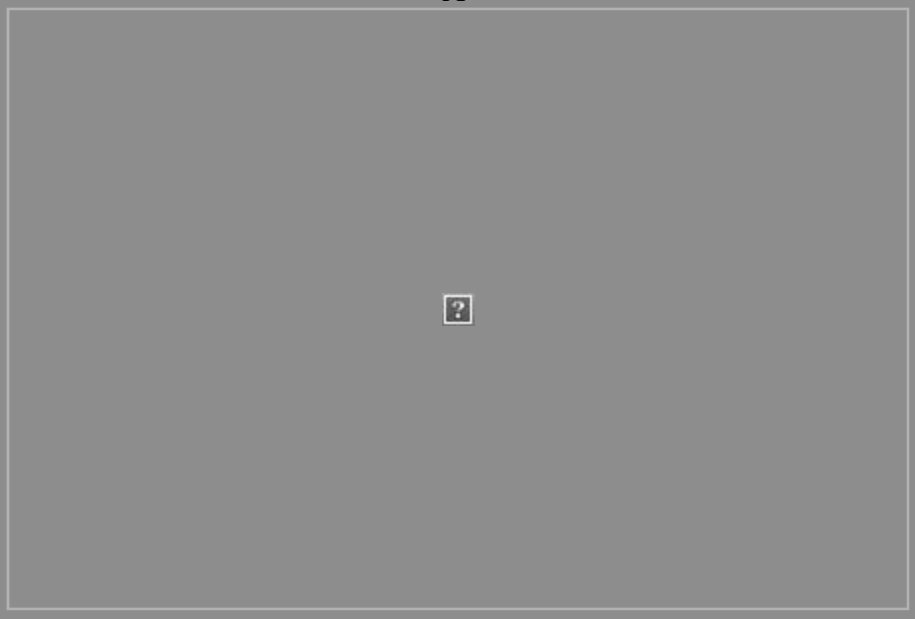

The Commissioners and EAC staff would like to thank election officials, their staff, and the poll workers for another successful election season.

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Looking Back on 2022: Lessons Learned

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NEW ON THE EAC BLOG: One week after Election Day, the EAC held a public hearing featuring a panel reflecting on lessons learned during the 2022 midterm election. This blog post summarizes some of the insights of The Honorable Tahesha Way, New Jersey Secretary of State and president of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS); Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED); and The Election Centerâ s Executive Director Tim Mattice.Â Â

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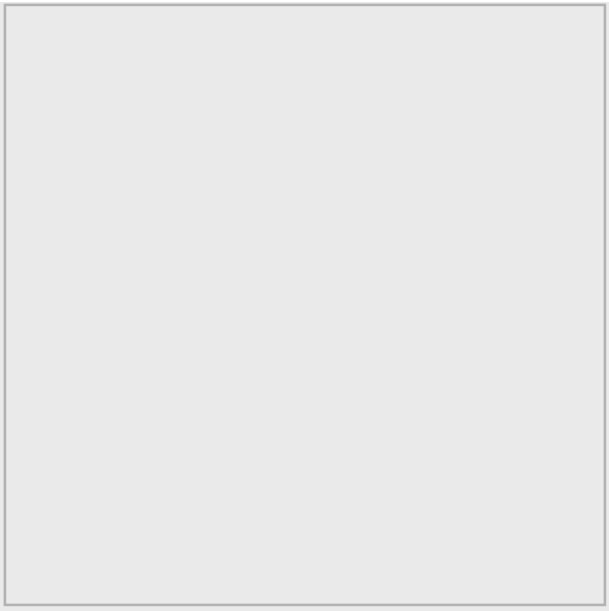

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During an overseas visit to Italy, Chairman Thomas Hicks and Commissioner Donald Palmer participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at theÂ Florence Military Cemetary. The Commissioners were traveling as part of an effort to better serve military and overseas voters.

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EAC Commissioners Accredit Second Voting System Test Laboratory to Test Voting Systems to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0

On December 21, 2022, the EACÂ Commissioners **unanimously voted to accreditÂ Pro V&V**Â as the second Voting System Test Laboratory (VSTL) able to test voting systems to theÂ **Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0**Â following**Â SLI Complianceâ s**Â accreditation on November 15, 2022. The VVSG are a set of specifications and requirements against which voting systems can be tested to determine if the systems meet baseline standards.

Prior to this new certification, both Pro V&V and SLI Compliance successfully completed independent assessments by the EAC and the

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National Institute of Standards and Technologyâ sÂ National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. For more information onÂ VVSG 2.0, visitÂ eac.gov.

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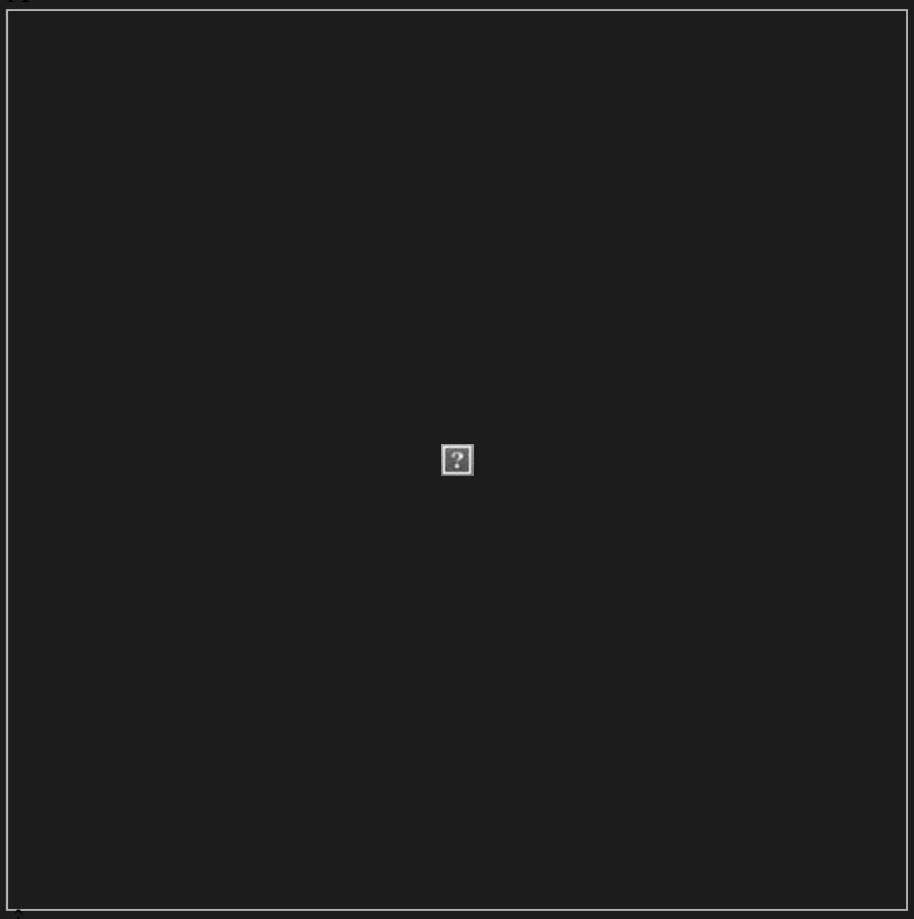

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In the New Year, Encourage Community Members to Become Poll Workers!

Throughout this new year, encourage your community members to make a resolution to become poll workers! This new EAC toolkit with graphics and templates is a great way for election officials to promote this opportunity on social media â just pair them with #HelpAmericaVote. You can also check out the Twitter template and Instagram template on Canva.comÂ for customizable options! Stay tuned for more poll worker recruitment resources in 2023.

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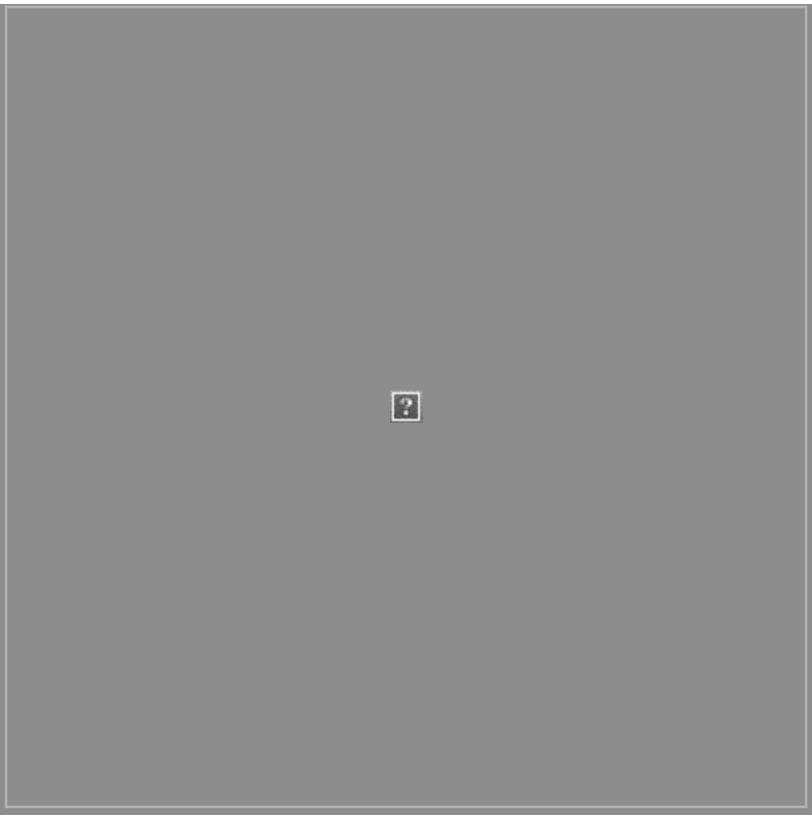

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Virtual TGDC Annual Meeting on Jan. 26, 2023

The EACâ s Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2023. This virtual meeting will be live-streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**. Registration is not required.Â

Learn more on the **TGDC meeting event page**, which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.

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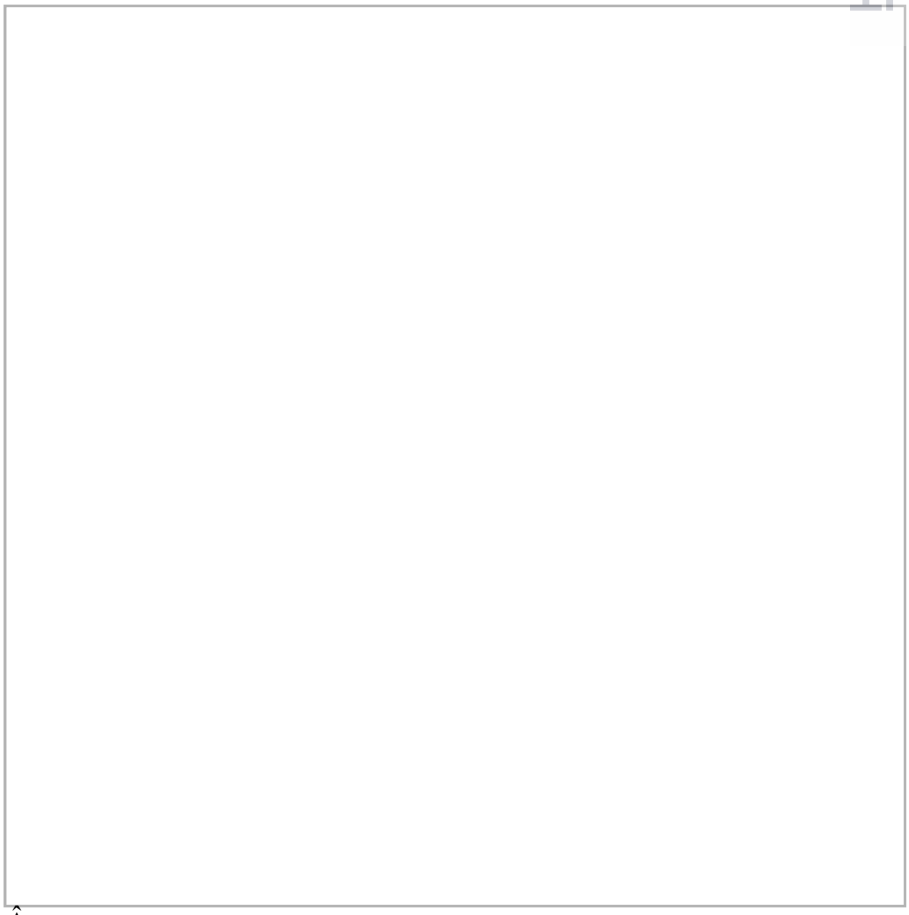

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EAC Public Hearing on Feb. 8, 2023

On February 8, 2023, the EAC will hold a public hearing in person at 633 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. During this meeting, the Commissioners will consider the renewal of the four FACA Board charters, including the **Local Leadership Council (LLC)**, the **Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)**, the **Standards Board**, and the **Board of Advisors**.

If you plan to attend in person,Â **register here**.Â

This meeting will also be live streamed on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**. More information can be found on the **public hearingâ s event page** as it becomes available.

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REMINDER: 2022 EAVS Submission Deadline is Right Around the Corner

The deadline for the first Election Administration Voting Survey (EAVS) data submission is **February 1, 2023**. Contributing to the EAVS helps provide the nationâ s most comprehensive information related to election administration, registration, and voting, and includes national, state, and county-level data. This includes:

- Voter Registration
- Uniformed and Overseas Voters
- Early, Absentee, and Provisional Voting
- Voting Equipment Usage
- Poll Workers, Polling Places, and Precincts

EAC staff are available to assist election officials. **Please email research@eac.gov or call the EAVS helpdesk phone number: 800-889-7738.**

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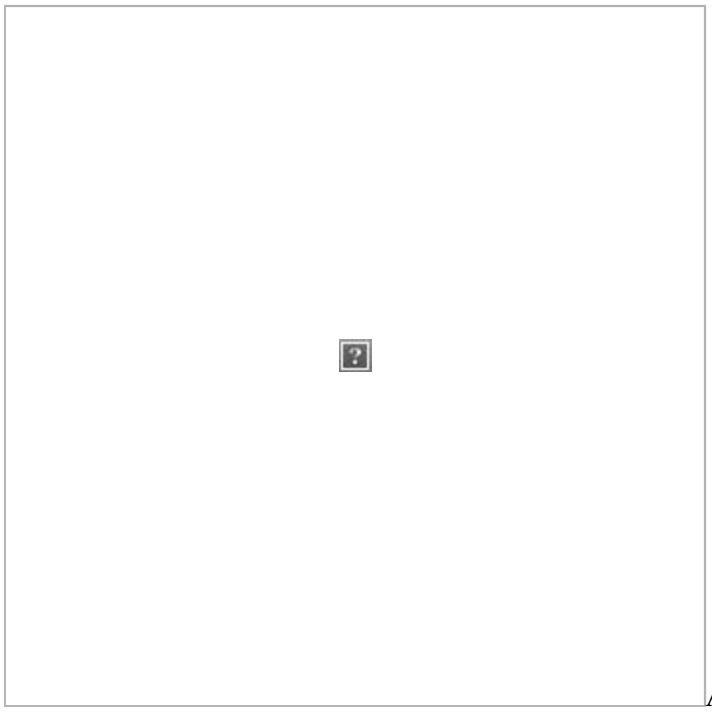

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Itâ s Clearinghouse Awards Time!

The submission period for the **2022 National Clearinghouse Awards competition, also known as the Clearies,** will open on January 17 and run through February 28. With six previous years of strong submissions,

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this program celebrates the leadership, hard work, and enterprising spirit of election officials across the U.S.

The award provides the opportunity to recognize the spirit and dedication of the outstanding public servants throughout the 2022 primaries and general election, and jurisdictions of all sizes are encouraged to submit their work. The entries will be judged based on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results. Examples from the 2021 Award winners can be found **here**.

Please send any questions you may have to **clearinghouse@eac.gov**, and stay tuned to the **EACâ s website** and social media for details on how to submit your own innovative programs.

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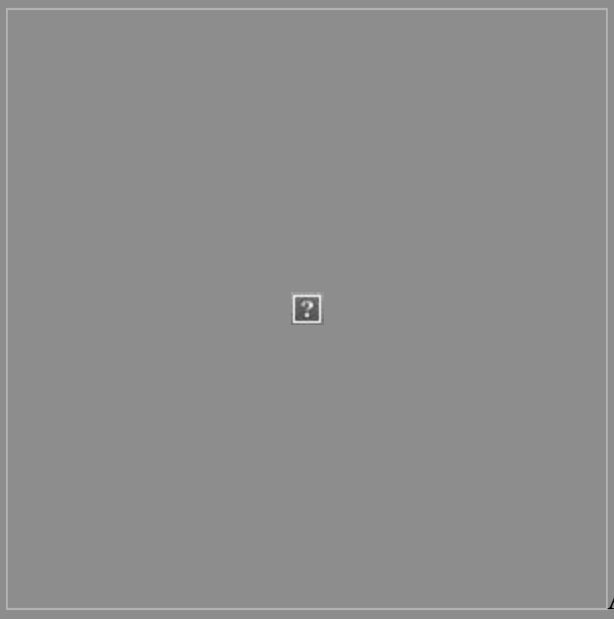

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Watch the EACâ s â Strengthening Election Official State Associationsâ Virtual Panel On-Demand

EAC Commissioner Ben Hovland recently moderated a virtual panel discussion on how strengthening state associations has helped to support local election officials. He was joined by Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director of the **Ohio Association of Election Officials**, Kathyrne Harper, Executive Director of the **Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities**, and Matt Crane, Executive Director of the **Colorado County Clerks Association**.

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The panelists stressed that state election associations have been vital to supporting local election officials through relationship-building and mentorship efforts, especially as these positions have become more challenging with the evolution of technology and the increase in mis- and dis-information.

As state associations have become more professionalized, often with the hiring of former election officials as staff, the panelists highlighted the importance of passing on the knowledge and experiences of those who have been in the field for decades. They agreed that developing these relationships is key to creating the best work environment and retaining local staff when turnover rates in election administration are high.Â

Watch **this on-demand video** on the EACâ s YouTube channel to hear their insights and read **this blog post** that summarizes their discussion to learn more.Â

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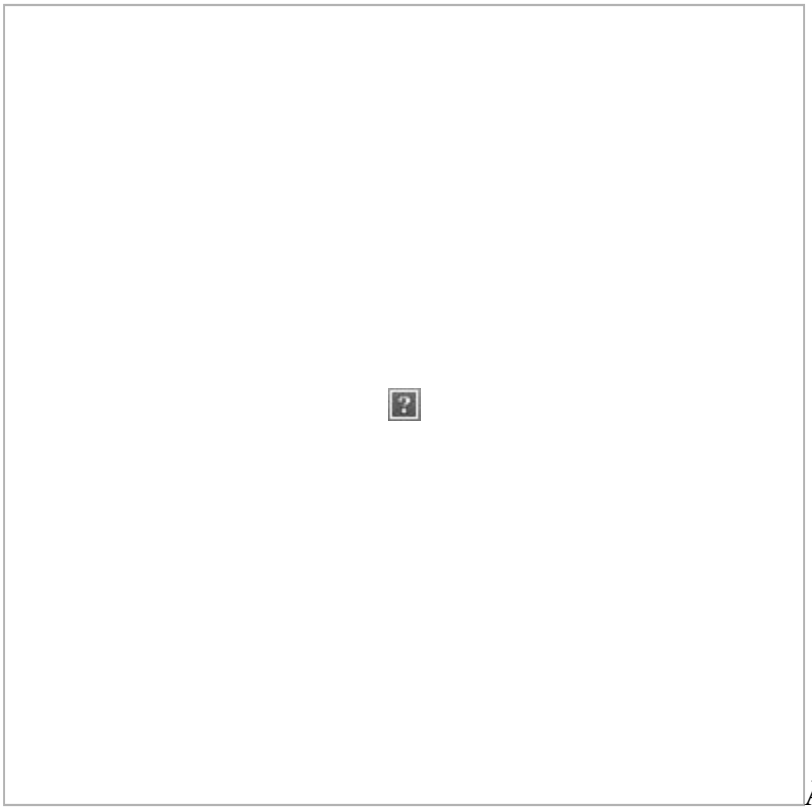

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E2E Workshop Recap

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Last fall, the EAC and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) held a **virtual workshop** on protocols used in end-to-end (E2E) cryptographically verifiable voting systems for conformance to the recently revised Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, Version 2.0. The goal of the workshop was to discuss the plan and further develop the protocol requirements and evaluation criteria.

Topics covered during the workshop included:

- A keynote presentation on E2E in voting systems
- Four discussion-based panels covering:
    - Integrity and Voter Confidence
    - Voting System Security
    - Accessibility and Human Factor Considerations
    - Implementation of E2E in Voting Systems/Testings

The recording of the event is available here.

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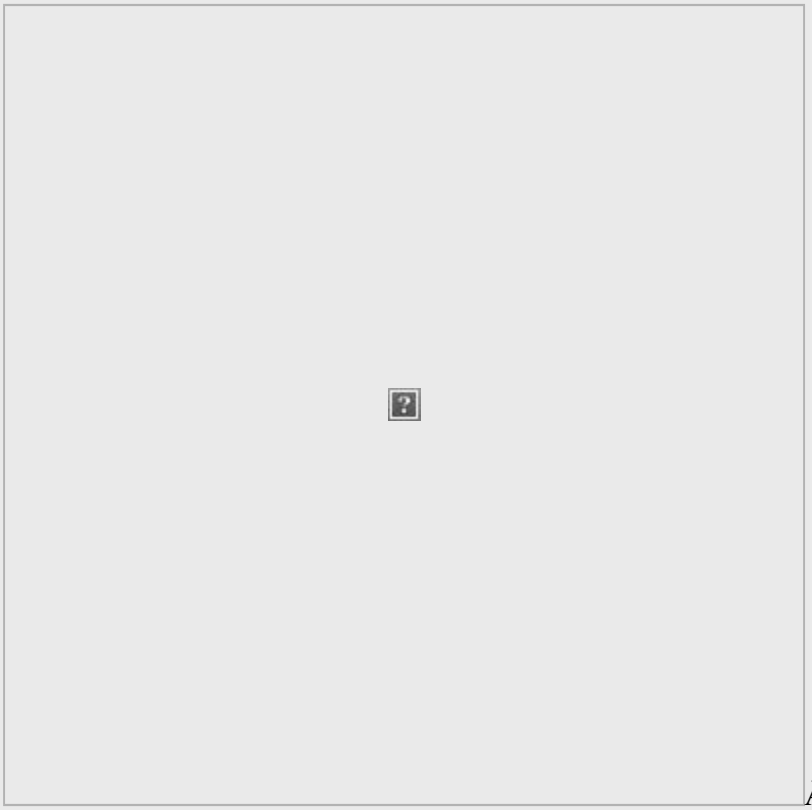

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Local Leadership Council Held Virtual Meeting

On December 14, the EACâ s **Local Leadership Council (LLC)**Â held a virtual meeting to consider the Bylaws of the Board and discuss

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other regular business. During the meeting, EAC Vice Chair and Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Christy McCormick thanked members, who are also local election officials, for their hard work during the election season and introduced Commissioner Ben Hovland as the committeeâ s incoming DFO. The scheduled vote on the LLC Bylaws was postponed due to a lack of quorum.Â A recording of the meeting is available on the **EACâ s YouTube channel** and information on the next LLC meeting to consider the Bylaws will be posted on the **EACâ s website**

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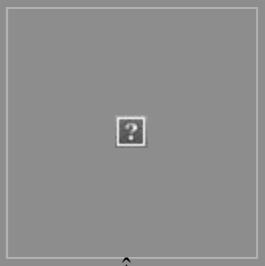

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:51 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: "Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

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- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
- Leveraging Data for Better Election Administration through Business Intelligence
- Understanding Address Management Services
- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
Leslie

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- Tuesday Evening NPF Reception (Tuesday, May 23rd, 4:00pm – 5:30pm EST)
- Wednesday Election Mail Forum/Networking Luncheon (Wednesday, May 24th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, EST)
- Evening Closing Event – NASCAR Hall Of Fame (Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm – 10:00pm, EST)

Simply follow these registration prompts:

1) Go to NPF Registration: https://registration.npf.org/login

2) Log in, or set up an account if you are a first time attendee. (This will take you to the profile page. If this is your first time, please answer the profile questions.)

3) Click on the blue registration button

4) Select **Election Mail Forum** and click continue.

5) No discounts apply. Click continue.

6) Click Yes or No for a hotel reservation, click continue.

7) Enter payment information, and submit.

For complete details go to NPF.org/promos/election-mail-day

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Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 7:08:19 AM
Attachments: WY Appointment Letter.pdf
Notice-of-Representation-Form-Standards-Board-2023.pdf

Dear Sec. Gray,

I am following up regarding Wyoming's appointments to the EAC Standards Board. The state and local representative positions are currently vacant. The Board has an annual meeting scheduled for April 18-19 in Phoenix, AZ, and we would like to be able to extend an invitation to whomever you choose to appoint.

Below and attached you will find the email originally sent with additional information on the Board and how to appoint or reappoint representatives. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 202-868-0353 or via email.

Thank you,

Kimberly Smith | Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), EAC Standards Board
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Subject: Election Assistance Commission - Standards Board Appointments

Dear Sec. Gray,

Attached please find a letter regarding Wyoming's appointments to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board and a Notice of Representation form. As noted in the letter, the EAC is seeking your jurisdiction's appointments to the Standards Board for the two-year term beginning April 13, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 202-868-0353 or ksmith@eac.gov.

Thank you,

Kimberly Smith | Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), EAC Standards Board
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Notice of Representation
United States Election Assistance Commission
Standards Board

In accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 20943 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, your office submits the following individuals as members of the Election Assistance Commission Standards Board:

Designated State Election Official

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Party Affiliation: _____

Designated Local Election Official

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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Party Affiliation: _____

The local election officials shall select (under a process supervised by the chief election official of the State) a representative local election official from the State.

Name and Title of Appointing Chief Election Official

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form via email to EAC Standards Board Alternative Designated Federal Officer (ksmith@eac.gov)**.**

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
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January 30, 2023

Hon. Chuck Gray
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Cheyenne, WY 82002
Email: secofstate@wyo.gov

Re: U.S. Election Assistance Commission
Standards Board Membership Appointments

Dear Sec. Gray,

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) created the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and established three advisory boards to assist the EAC: Standards Board, Board of Advisors, and Technical Guidelines Development Committee. In 2021 the EAC established a fourth advisory board, the Local Leadership Council. The advisory boards are primarily charged with providing advice, guidance, and support to the EAC on the ongoing development of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), and providing recommendations to the EAC on a range of election administration topics.

Under Section 213 of HAVA, the Standards Board is composed of 110 members: 55 state election officials selected by each state's Chief Election Official and 55 local election officials selected by each state's local election officials under a process supervised by the Chief Election Official of the state. HAVA further provides that the two members from each state cannot be members of the same political party. The Standards Board Charter and Bylaws govern the board.

Please be advised that it is time to reappoint your state's representatives to the Standard Board. If you do not appoint someone new, your existing representatives will be reappointed and continue to serve in their roles. Your current representatives to the Standards Board are:

State Representative: Vacant

Local Representative: Vacant

Please use the enclosed Notice of Representation form to advise us of your chosen representatives to serve on the EAC Standards Board for the upcoming two-year term, which begins April 13, 2023. **Please return this completed form by email to ksmith@eac.gov no later than March 31, 2023**.

While the EAC recently adopted VVSG 2.0, we are committed to an agile process that includes continually working with our advisory boards to identify enhancements to the VVSG. The

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usability, accessibility, and security of voting systems continue to be of critical importance, and recommendations from the advisory boards are as imperative as ever. Therefore, your prompt response to this letter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at 202-868-0353 or ksmith@eac.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven Frid
Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 3/23, NASED Letter to EAC on Deprecation Education, 3/23 House Admin Hearing on Observers, 3/23 HSGP Grant Overview Call for Elections, USPS Survey on 3/21, EAC Voter List Maintenance
Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:14 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

This Thursday, **March 23 at 10:30AM ET**, House Admin Elections Subcommittee will hold another hearing in their series 2022 Election Lookback. This hearing is on Election Observer Access. Witnesses confirmed thus far are:

- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Adrienne Marshall
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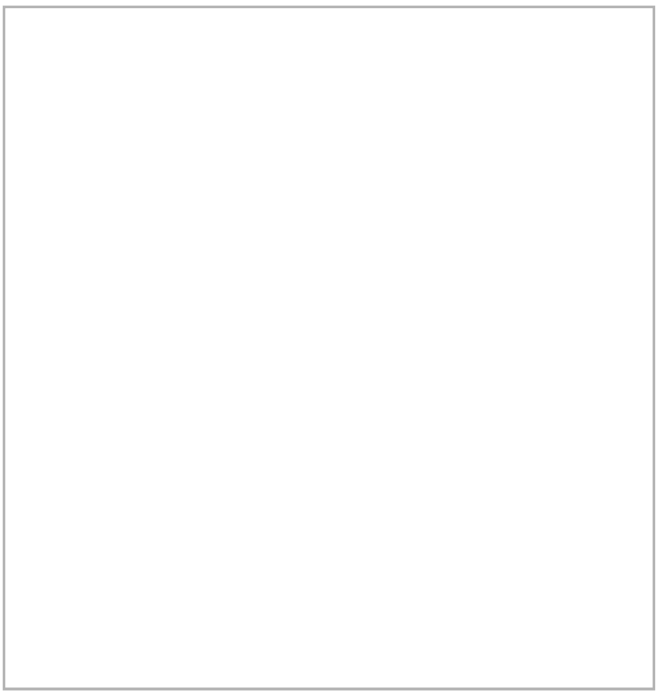

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

Thanks,
Leslie

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Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:53:18 AM
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Dear NASS Conference Attendee:

We are excited to see everyone very soon in Washington, DC. Before you arrive, we wanted to send you some last-minute reminders and information.

Business attire is recommended for the winter conference. At the welcome reception on Thursday, 2/16 we will take a group SOS/ Lt. Gov picture. **Your conference-issued name badge is absolutely necessary.** Please **WEAR IT** while in the meeting space at the hotel and at evening events. We will have law enforcement at the hotel. They will be looking for your conference badge to identify that you are a part of our group. The weather forecast includes daytime highs ranging from the mid-60's to the mid-40's and evening lows ranging from mid-20's to mid-50's. There is a chance of rain on Thursday and Friday. Welcome to DC!

The registration desk will officially open at 12PM on 2/15/23 and will be in the Tiber Creek Foyer on level 1B. NASS Committee meetings and sessions in the Independence East/West ballroom on Thursday and Friday will not have a U-Shape or hollow square set-up. Instead, the first few rows of seating will be classroom style with microphones. These rows are **RESERVED** for Secretaries of State or their proxy. Classroom seating (without microphones) and theater seating behind the first few rows will be for general conference attendees. Please do not stand in the back of meeting rooms or block doorways. Attached is the latest conference agenda. Please do not share outside of your office.

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The NASS WiFi code in the meeting space at the Hyatt is-
Network – NASSWinterCon23
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Safe Travels!

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Dear NASS Members –

Attached are the minutes and action items from the 2023 NASS winter conference, the minutes from the business meeting at the 2022 summer conference, and the agenda for the business meeting tomorrow morning. The action items will be voted on by the full membership at the business meeting.

Thank You,

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Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, February 18, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Independence West

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ, NASS President

Official Roll Call of the States
Hon. Jocelyn Benson, MI, NASS Secretary

Approval of Previous Minutes – NASS Summer 2022 Business Meeting

Preview of 2023 Summer Conference – Washington, D.C.
Stacy Dodd, NASS Director of Membership and Administration

NASS Standing Committee Action
Action Items/Positions/Resolutions

- Executive Board
  Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
- Committee on Cybersecurity
  Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA and Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
- Committee on Elections
  Hon. Paul Pate, IA and Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM
- Committee on State Heritage
  Hon. Cord Byrd, FL and Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
- Committee on International Relations
  Hon. Michael Adams, KY and Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
- Committee on Business Services
  Hon. John Thurston, AR and Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
- Committee on Securities
  Hon. David Scanlan, NH and Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
- New Business
- Adjourn

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Committee Action Items for Consideration by the Full Membership

Executive Board

The Executive Board recommended approval of the following action items:

1. **Action Item**
   Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the NASS draft audited financial statement for June 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon, and approved unanimously.

2. **Action Item**
   Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the NASS December 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bassett, and approved unanimously.

3. **Action Item**
   Secretary Evnen moved to recommend that NASS agree to the proposal from Civic Roundtable for NASS to utilize the Civic Roundtable Community Platform for a 6-month pilot subscription at a fee of $3000, and after 6 months evaluate whether to agree to an annual subscription at a rate of $12,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon, and approved unanimously.

4. **Action Item**
   Secretary Evnen moved to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the NASS Policies and Procedures Manual to remove outdated language referencing NASS Committees and programs that no longer exist. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon, and approved unanimously.

Business Services Committee

Action Item
Secretary Pate moved to recommend postponing consideration of whether to reauthorize the NASS Support for Remote Electronic Notarization Standards until the summer conference in order to give NPA time to develop proposed updates to the standards for NASS to consider. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon, and approved unanimously.

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The following feedback is submitted on behalf of the Executive Board of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS):

We thank the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for its ongoing coordination with NASS. We request that CISA considers existing cyber incident reporting structures and protocols for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments when drafting its final rule for cyber incident reporting requirements. Through membership in the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), and the Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council (EIS-GCC), NASS members have sufficient and effective means of reporting cyber threat information and potential incidents to CISA.

In 2018, the EIS-GCC established voluntary Threat Information and Incident Reporting Protocols for the Election Infrastructure Subsector. The protocols were created by CISA, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and SLTT election entities, through the EIS-GCC. The goal was to achieve optimal information sharing across the Subsector and with the federal government, while not overburdening SLTT jurisdictions with onerous requirements. The Subsector has exercised and refined these protocols over the past five years.

SLTT election entities have embedded the protocols into their standard operating procedures and incident response plans. Our federal partners, including CISA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), have also incorporated the protocols into their incident notification policies.

As CISA drafts any section of the final rule that applies to offices of Secretaries of State and/or other SLTT election entities, we request that CISA:

- Seeks ongoing input from the EIS-GCC and NASS related to the implementation of cyber incident reporting as it applies to the Election Infrastructure Subsector and/or Secretaries of State;
- Grants maximum flexibility to SLTT entities;
- Includes a reasonable timeframe for implementation of the new rule;
- Utilizes existing reporting structures including the MS-ISAC and the EI-ISAC;
- Follows the EIS-GCC's Threat Information and Incident Reporting Protocols;
- Avoids exceeding the reporting practices outlined in the Protocols and further avoids requiring reporting through additional avenues or to additional entities;
- Exercises caution in defining "covered cyber incident," "substantial cyber incident," and "reasonable belief" including ensuring reporting requirements do not apply to routine cyber activities we experience daily, such as scanning;
- Continues to respect our country's legal and historical distinctions and avoids overreach upon state authority; and
- Avoids costly requirements that would equate to an unfunded mandate on SLTT entities.

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National Association of Secretaries of State

NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards

Adopted on July 12, 2006;
Reaffirmed on July 13, 2011 and July 17, 2016;
Amended and readopted on February 19, 2018

Mission Statement

It is the goal of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to endorse and promote these technology neutral standards, developed originally by the National E-Notarization Commission for secure and feasible implementation of in-person electronic notarization, and amended to include remote electronic notarization. In the event of ambiguity of a term or standard, it should be interpreted in favor of technology neutrality.

Foreword

The National E-Notarization Commission, whose formation was endorsed and sanctioned by NASS at our 2006 Winter Conference developed the original in-person, electronic notarization standards. These standards were presented NASS members for consideration at our 2006 Summer Conference. The members voted unanimously to adopt the standards, and voted to reaffirm the standards at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference. At our 2016 Conference, the in-person, e-notarization Standards were again reaffirmed, however this version included several amendments proposed by the NASS Notary Public Administrators Section (NPA) designed to streamline and clarify the standards.

In April 2016, NASS formed the Remote Electronic Notarization Task Force to examine the topic of remote electronic notarization. The Task Force consisted of NASS members, members of NPA, various industry/government stakeholders and private sector advisors. At the Summer 2017 Conference, NASS adopted a resolution authorizing the convening of appropriate parties to develop remote notarization standards enabling remote notarizations that will protect the credibility of the process, help prevent identity fraud and provide accountability to the public in order to advance secure electronic commerce. Through a series of in-person meetings and conference calls the Task Force developed an addendum to the in-person electronic notarization standards to accommodate remote electronic notarization. These changes were adopted by the NASS membership at the Winter 2018 Conference.

These standards do not in any way require the use of one specific technology, nor are they intended to privilege the use of one specific technology over another, nor do they limit the utilization of electronic signatures outside the electronic notarization process.

Definitions

1. “Electronic” means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

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2. “Electronic document” means information that is created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

3. “Electronic notarial act” means an official act by a notary public on or involving an electronic document and using electronic means authorized by the [commissioning official] or the laws of the jurisdiction of appointment.[1]

4. “Electronic notarial certificate” means the portion of a notarized electronic document that is completed by the notary public, bears the notary public's electronic signature and/or official electronic seal, official title, commission number, commission expiration date, any required information concerning the date and place of the electronic notarization, and states the facts attested to or certified by the notary public in a particular electronic notarization.[2]

5. “Electronic notary seal” and “official electronic seal” mean information within a notarized electronic document that includes the notary public’s name, jurisdiction of appointment, commission number, and commission expiration date, and generally corresponds to data in notary public seals used on paper documents.[3]

6. “Electronic signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic document and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic document or record.

7. “Electronically enabled notary public” means a notary public who has registered with the [commissioning official] the capability of performing electronic notarial acts in conformance with these standards.

8. "Non-repudiation" means the inability of the signer of an electronic document to deny their electronic signature without factual basis.[4]

9. “Notary electronic signature” means those forms of electronic signature which have been approved by the commissioning official as an acceptable means for an electronic notary to affix the notary's official signature to an electronic record that is being notarized.

10. “Notary public” means an individual commissioned or appointed to perform a notarial act by the [commissioning/appointing officer or agency] of this State.[5]

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[1] These Definitions and Standards use the terms “commission,” “commissioning” and “appointment” interchangeably, to refer to a state’s authorization of an individual to perform notarial acts.

[2] Although the definitions for “electronic notarial certificate” and “electronic notary seal” have references to “commission number,” “commission expiration” and “notary seal,” it is recognized that some jurisdictions do not issue commission numbers, or require notary seals. Other jurisdictions that issue life-long notary commissions do not have expiration dates.

[3] See footnote 2.

[4] The concept of "non-repudiation" is intended to create a presumption of regularity and reliability of electronically executed documents, so that they may be relied upon by third parties. This presumption is foundational to commissioning authorities’ ability to authenticate notarial acts.

[5] The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts differentiates “notary public” from “notarial officer,” which is a notary public OR mother individual—for example, judges, clerks, etc.—authorized to perform a notarial act. These Standards contemplate only notaries public.

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11. "Personal appearance" and "appears before the notary" mean that the principal and the notary public:

- are physically close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and give identification credentials to each other, or;
- interact through the use of audio- video communication as defined in addendum.

12. "Registration" and "register" mean a separate commission to perform electronic notarial acts under the laws of this State, or registration with the commissioning official in compliance with these standards.[6]

13. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States

14. "Tamper-evident" means that any changes to an electronic document shall display evidence of the change.

15. "Unique to the Notary Public" and "under the sole control" mean with respect to an electronic notarization that the signing device used to affix the electronic signature of the Notary Public and to render the official electronic seal information tamper-evident must be accessible by and attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities for the necessary period of time that such device is engaged and operating to effectuate the authorized electronic notarization.[7]

Standards

Personal Appearance Requirement

1. A notary public shall not perform an electronic notarization if the document signer does not appear in person before the notary public at the time of notarization.

2. The methods for identifying document signers for an electronic notarization where the signer is in the physical presence of the notary shall be the same as the methods required for a paper-based notarization.[8]

Registration Requirement

3. The commissioning official shall require a notary public to register the capability to notarize electronically before performing any electronic notarial act. Such registration shall be with the [commissioning official] every time a notary public adopts a new or additional technology with which to perform electronic notarial acts.

4. The commissioning official shall require a notary public who registers the capability of performing electronic notarial acts to provide the following information: a) the electronic technology or technologies

[6] This new Definition recognizes that some states that have authorized electronic notarization require only a single notary commission for performance of paper-based and electronic notarial acts, while other states require a separate commission for each medium. As such, "registration" and "register" apply to either commissioning or appointment approach.

[7] The definitions of "unique to the notary public" and "under the sole control" are terms that do not require any particular currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic notarization that satisfy these standards.

[8] Under no circumstance shall a notary public base identification merely upon familiarity with a signer's electronic signature or an electronic verification process that authenticates the signer's electronic signature when the signer does not appear personally before notary public.

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to be used in attaching or logically associating an electronic notarial signature, seal and certificate to an electronic document; b) an exemplar of the notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal, and c) any necessary instructions or techniques supplied by the vendor that allow the notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal to be read.[9]

Form and Manner of Performing the Electronic Notarial Act

5. When performing an electronic notarization, a notary public shall complete an electronic notarial certificate and attach or logically associate the notary's electronic signature and seal to that certificate in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

6. The notary public's electronic signature is deemed to be reliable if the following requirements are met: a) it is unique to the notary public, b) it is capable of independent verification, c) it is retained under the notary public's sole control, and d) it is attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

7. The notary public's official electronic seal is deemed to be reliable if the following requirements are met: a) it is unique to the notary public, b) it is capable of independent verification, c) it is retained under the notary public's sole control, and d) it is attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

8. The notary public's electronic signature in combination with the electronic notary seal shall be used only for the purpose of performing electronic notarial acts.

9 The liability, sanctions, and remedies for the improper performance of electronic notarial acts are the same as described and provided by law for the improper performance of non-electronic notarial acts.

Security Requirements

10. The notary public shall not disclose any access information used to affix the electronic notary's signature and seal except when requested by law enforcement, the courts, and with reasonable precautions, electronic document preparation and transmission vendors.[10]

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[9] The technologies that a state may authorize for an electronic notarization will dictate how the attachment or logical association of the electronic notarial certificate, electronic signature, and official electronic seal to the document will be accomplished. It is possible that the electronic signature and seal may be combined in a single element, or that the seal may be a component of the signature or vice versa. The important matter is that all of the notary public's identifying and commissioning information be made a part of, or a secure attachment to, the underlying notarized electronic document. Although Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) and Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) and the federal E-Sign Act can be read to have eliminated the need for a physical seal image as a requirement for determining whether an electronic document is an "original" versus a copy, the seal requirement remains essential to authenticating documents under federal and state rules of evidence. What is important is that the basic identifying and commissioning information – contained in the notary public's holographic signature and traditional inking and embossing notary seals – also be elements of a notarized electronic document.

[10] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINS, phrases, software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned individual.

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Requirements for Authenticating the Notarial Act

11. Electronic notarial acts need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation and the capability of being authenticated by the [commissioning official] for purposes of issuing Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication. They are as follows: a) the fact of the notarial act, including the notary's identity, signature, and commission status, must be verifiable by the commissioning official and b) the notarized electronic document will be rendered ineligible for authentication by the [commissioning official] if it is improperly modified after the time of notarization, including any unauthorized alterations to the document content, the electronic notarial certificate, the notary public's electronic signature, and/or the notary public's official electronic seal.[11]

Requirements for Issuance of Electronic Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication (Appointment)

12. Electronic Apostilles need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Apostille by the [commissioning official] must be independently verifiable and b) the Apostille must be invalidated if the underlying document is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Apostille from the public document.[12]

13. Electronic certificates of Authentication (or Appointment) need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Certificate by the [commissioning official] must be independently verifiable and b) the Certificate must be invalidated if the underlying document is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Certificate from the public document.[13]

[11] "Authentication" in this context is "a certification of the genuineness of the official character, i.e., signature and seal, or position of a foreign official. It is an act done with the intention of causing a document which has been executed or issued in one jurisdiction to be recognized in another jurisdiction. Documents which may require authentication include legal instruments notarized by foreign notaries or other officials, and copies of public records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, issued by foreign record keepers." (22 CFR 92.36)

[12] The Apostille and the underlying document are legally joined. Therefore, any separation legally invalidates the Apostille. To ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Apostille must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term "public document" is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law's Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

[13] The certificate and the underlying document are legally joined, and any separation legally invalidates the Certificate. Therefore, to ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Certificate must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term "public document" is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law's Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

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Addendum: Audio-Video Communication

In this Addendum, the terms in Standards 1-15 (Definitions) have the meanings ascribed. In addition:

1. “Audio-video communication” means being able to see, hear, and communicate with another individual in real time using electronic means.

2. "Credential analysis" means a process or service operating according to criteria allowed by the commissioning authority through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a government-issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

3. “Dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment” means an identity assessment that is based on a set of questions formulated from public or proprietary data sources for which the principal has not provided a prior answer.

4. "Identity proofing" means a process or service operating according to criteria approved by the commissioning official through which a third person or party affirms the identity of an individual through review of personal information from public or proprietary data sources.

5. “Public key certificate” means an electronic credential which is used to identify an individual who signed an electronic record with the certificate.

6. “Real time” means the actual span of uninterrupted, simultaneous communication during which all parts of an electronic notarial act occur

7. “Remote electronic notarization system” means a set of applications, programs, hardware, software, or technology designed to enable an electronic notary to perform electronic notarial acts through audio-video communication.

8. “Remotely presented” means the transmission of a quality image of a government-issued identification credential to an electronic notary public through communication technology for the purpose of enabling the electronic notary public to identify the person appearing before the electronic notary public and to perform a credential analysis.

Authority to Perform Electronic Notarizations Using Audio-Video Communication

A notary public may perform an electronic notarial act for an electronic document by means of audio-video communication for a principal who is located:

- in the state where the notary is commissioned;
- outside of the state where the notary is commissioned but within the United States; or
- outside the United States if:
    - the act is not prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located at the time of the act.

A notary public who performs an electronic notarial act for a principal by means of audio-video communication shall be located within the state where the notary is commissioned at the time the electronic notarial act is performed. The notary public shall include a statement in the electronic notarial

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certificate to indicate that the electronic notarial act was performed by means of audio-video communication. The statement may also be included in the electronic notary seal.

Requirements for Remote Electronic Notarization Systems

A remote electronic notarization system used to perform electronic notarial acts by means of audio-video communication shall:

- provide sufficient audio clarity and video resolution to enable the notary and the principal to see and speak to each other simultaneously through live, real time transmission; and
- include a means of authentication that reasonably ensures only the proper parties have access to the audio-video communication; and
- provide some manner of ensuring that the electronic record that is presented for electronic notarization is the same record electronically signed by the principal; and
- enable the notary public to verify the identity of the principal through multiple identity verification methods, which may include: completion of a dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment; credential analysis of a remotely presented government-issued identification that contains the signature and a photograph of the principal; a valid public key certificate; or any other identity proofing method adopted by the commissioning official; and
- be capable of creating, storing, and accessing an electronic recording of the audio-video communication; and
- provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to: the live transmission of the audio-video communication; a recording of the audio-video communication; the verification methods and credentials used to verify the identity of the principal; and the electronic documents presented for electronic notarization.

Adopted the 19th day of February 2018
in Washington, DC

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Minutes: NASS Business Meeting
July 10th, 2022
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA

Members Present:
Hon. John Merrill, AL
Hon. Kevin Meyer, AK
Hon. Jena Griswold, CO – by proxy
Hon. Mark Kohler, CT – by proxy
Hon. Jeffrey Bullock, DE
Hon. Kimberly Bassett, DC
Hon. Cord Byrd, FL
Hon. Brad Raffensperger, GA
Hon. Lawerence Denney, ID
Hon. Paul Pate, IA
Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA
Hon. Scott Schwab, KS
Hon. Michael Adams, KY
Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
Hon. John Wobensmith, MD
Hon. Jocelyn Benson, MI
Hon. Steve Simon, MN
Hon. Michael Watson, MS
Hon. Christi Jacobsen, MT
Hon. Dave Scanlan, NH
Hon. Barbara Cegavske, NV
Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM
Hon. Al Jaeger, ND
Hon. Frank LaRose, OH
Hon. Shemia Fagan, OR – by proxy
Hon. Leigh Chapman, PA
Hon. Omar Marrero, PR – by proxy
Hon. Nellie Gorbea, RI – by proxy
Hon. Mark Hammond, SC
Hon. Mac Warner, WV

Secretary Ardoin called the meeting to order and thanked the participants for attending the summer conference in Baton Rouge. He announced that the first item of business was approval of the previous minutes. **Secretary Way moved to approve the previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Wobensmith and was approved unanimously.**

Secretary Ardoin noted that the ACR and NPA affiliate reports were reviewed by the Executive Board, and he encouraged members to send staff to the ACR and NPA meetings at future NASS conferences.

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Secretary Ardoin announced that the next item of business was consideration of the following action items recommended by the Executive Board for approval by the full membership:

1. Action Item: Secretary Simon moved to recommend approval of the minutes from the June 14th NASS Executive Board call. The motion was seconded by Secretary Toulouse Oliver and approved unanimously.
2. Action Item: Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the 2022 NASS Summer Conference budget/actuals and the May 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Secretary Toulouse Oliver and approved unanimously.
3. Action Item: Secretary Ardoin moved to recommend approval of the NASS 2022/2023 proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Secretary Toulouse Oliver and approved unanimously.
4. Action Item: Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the bid from Puerto Rico to host the 2024 NASS Summer Conference in Puerto Rico. The motion was seconded by Secretary Toulouse Oliver and approved unanimously.
5. Action Item: Secretary Toulouse Oliver moved to recommend reauthorization of the NASS Resolution Calling for the Federal Government to Recognize Address Confidentiality Programs. The motion was seconded by Secretary Wobensmith and approved unanimously.
6. Action Item: Secretary Way moved to recommended that the NASS Executive Board assume responsibilities of the NASS Awards Committee beginning with the 2023 NASS Winter Conference. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon and approved unanimously.
7. Action Item: Secretary Watson moved to recommend that NASS discontinue the partnership program, but continue to provide opportunities for relevant organizations to work with NASS and engage with members. The motion was seconded by Secretary Schwab and approved unanimously.

Secretary Way moved to approve the slate of action items recommended by the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Secretary Toulouse Oliver and approved unanimously.

Secretary Ardoin announced that the next item of business was consideration of the following list of proposed NASS 2022/2023 Executive Board officers submitted by the Nominations and Credentials Committee:

- NASS President - Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
- President Elect - Hon. Scott Schwab, KS
- Immediate Past President: Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA
- Treasurer - Hon. Steve Simon, MN
- Secretary – Hon. Jocelyn Benson, MI
- Eastern Region Vice President – Jeffrey Bullock, DE
- Southern Region Vice President - Hon. Michael Watson, MS
- Midwestern Region Vice President - Hon. Robert Evnen, NE
- Western Region Vice President - Hon. Shemia Fagan, OR
- Member at Large (ACR Liaison) - Hon. Christi Jacobsen, MT
- Member at Large (NPA Liaison) - Hon. Kimberly Bassett, DC

Secretary Toulouse Oliver moved to approve the list of proposed NASS 2022/2023 Executive Officers. The motion was seconded by Secretary Schwab and approved unanimously.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver reported that the NASS Cybersecurity Committee met and had no action items for consideration. She noted that the Committee agenda included presentations from the Cyber Innovation Center, EI-ISAC, and CISA.

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Secretary Ardoin reported that the NASS Elections Committee met and had no action items for consideration. He noted that the Committee agenda included presentations from the DOJ, the EAC, Secretary Merrill from Alabama, and Deputy Secretary Scott Bates from Connecticut.

Secretary Bellows reported that the Business Services Committee met, and she noted that the Committee agenda included presentations from the Louisiana Attorney General and the Electronic Signature and Digital Records Association (ESRA). She also noted that the Committee recommended the following action item for consideration by the full membership:

– Action Item: Secretary Simon moved to recommend approval of the proposed Resolution Recommending that States Implement a Process for Issuing Electronic Apostilles. The motion was seconded by Secretary Wobensmith and approved unanimously.

Secretary Wobensmith moved to approve the proposed Resolution Recommending that States Implement a Process for Issuing Electronic Apostilles. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bellows and approved unanimously.

Secretary Jaeger reported that the NASS Awards Committee met, and he noted that the Louisiana Secretary of State's office received the 2022 NASS IDEAS Award for their Operation Geaux Vote Task Force. He added that the 2022 Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award would be posthumously awarded to Miguel H. Trujillo for championing Native American voting rights. He also encouraged members to utilize the NASS medallion award.

Secretary Cegavske reported that the NASS State Heritage Committee met, and heard a presentation from Secretary Way on New Jersey's efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Secretary Ardoin recognized the members in attendance who will be departing in 2022 and asked if they would like to share any remarks. Lieutenant Governor Meyer, Secretary Merrill (AL), Secretary Denney, Secretary Cegavske, Secretary Wobensmith, and Secretary Jaeger addressed the membership.

Secretary Ardoin delivered remarks to the membership as the outgoing President, and Secretary Way delivered remarks as the new NASS President. Their remarks were followed by the induction of the 2022/2023 NASS officers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM ET.

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Minutes: NASS Business Services Committee Meeting
Friday, February 17th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:

Hon. John Thurston, AR (co-chair)
Hon. Jena Griswold, CO (co-chair)
Hon. Wes Allen, AL
Hon. Shirley Weber, CA
Hon. Stephanie Thomas, CT
Hon. Jeffrey Bullock, DE
Hon. Brad Raffensperger, GA (by proxy)
Hon. Paul Pate, IA
Hon. Diego Morales, IN
Hon. Scott Schwab, KS (by proxy)
Hon. Michael Adams, KY
Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA (by proxy)
Hon. Susan Lee, MD
Hon. Steve Simon, MN
Hon. Michael Watson, MS
Hon. Christi Jacobsen, MT (by proxy)
Hon. David Scanlan, NH
Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
Hon. Michael Howe, ND
Hon. Frank LaRose, OH (by proxy)
Hon. Gregg Amore, RI
Hon. Mark Hammond, SC
Hon. Monae Johnson, SD
Hon. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, VT

Secretary Griswold called the meeting to order and asked NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds to provide an overview of Business Services Committee. Reynolds noted that a key issue the Committee dealt with for several years was proposed federal legislation that would have required Secretaries of State to collect beneficial ownership information from business entities. She added that states had a number of concerns about collecting that information, and ultimately Congress passed the Corporate Transparency Act in 2020 which requires the Treasury Department to collect that information. She noted that the issue will continue to impact as businesses seek information and guidance about complying with the new requirements. She noted that Committee also deals with topics related to UCC filings, including bogus/harassment filings, as well as notarization issues, including remote notarization. She added that federal legislation passed in the House last year (the SECURE Act) would authorize notaries in all states to perform remote notarization according to national standards. She noted that the legislation was not approved in the Senate, but there are a number of organizations and industries that continue to lobby in support of the bill. She also noted that NASS launched the #BizSchemeSOS initiative to help educate and inform the business community about various business-related schemes.

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Secretary Griswold announced that there was one business item for the Committee to address regarding NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards. She noted that the document was first adopted in 2006, was reauthorized in 2011 and 2016, and was updated and approved in 2018 to include standards for remote notarization. She noted that the document is scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized, but added that NPA is currently in the process of reviewing and developing proposed updates to the document, and has asked that NASS postpone any action on the document until the summer conference, at which time NPA would submit the document for consideration with the proposed changes.

Action Item:

Secretary Pate moved to recommend postponing consideration of whether to reauthorize the NASS Support for Remote Electronic Notarization Standards until the summer conference in order to give NPA time to develop proposed updates to the standards for NASS to consider. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon and approved unanimously.

Secretary Thurston introduced Scott Rembrandt, Deputy Secretary, Office of Terrorism Financing and Financial Crimes U.S. Treasury, and Sarah Liebschutz, Senior Advisor, CTA Implementation, FinCEN. Mr. Rembrandt and Ms. Liebschutz noted the following in their remarks:

- Congress passed CTA as part of efforts to deal with gaps in the anti-money laundering framework and the misuse of legal entities by criminal actors. The Act is also part of the U.S. commitment to implement the Financial Action Task Force standards, including determining the individuals ultimately behind companies through collection of beneficial ownership information.
- FinCEN issued a final rule in September 2022 establishing the beneficial ownership reporting requirement consistent with CTA. The rule is effective January 1, 2024.
- In December 2022 FinCEN published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding protocols for the access and disclosure of beneficial ownership information, and the comment period recently closed. FinCEN will also be revising the current customer due diligence (CDD) rules requiring financial institutions to identify and verify beneficial owners for new accounts.
- FinCEN is currently in the process of developing initial guidance to help reporting companies comply with the beneficial ownership reporting requirement, which it expects to release in the coming weeks. FinCEN is also developing a small entity compliance guide, which will likely be released later this Spring, and will be doing outreach to help educate companies on the new requirements.
- FinCEN is developing the information technology system to administer the new requirements, including the database that will store beneficial ownership information and provide access to authorized users. The system will include rigorous security methods and controls to protect the information. FinCEN expects the system to be available by the effective date of the rule.
- FinCEN is committed to working collaboratively with states to provide information and guidance to business in their jurisdictions.

Secretary Adams asked if there is anything in reporting rule that requires specific action by states, and whether there will be funding available to states to help educate constituents. FinCEN noted that there are no requirements for states to do anything to implement the rule. They added that CTA includes a provision that would require states to provide information to business about the reporting requirements,

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but they added that the provision is contingent on Congress providing funding to states for that purpose, and currently no funding is available.

Chris Beal from Colorado asked if FinCEN has developed any estimate on the impact of the reporting rule on states in terms of time and resources for dealing with questions from business about the rule. He added that Colorado anticipates 300 calls per day which would require 2-3 FTEs. FinCEN noted that they would have to ask their colleagues who are working on cost estimates for the rule.

Secretary Simon asked if FinCEN is planning to provide guidance materials in languages other than English. FinCEN noted that they plan to release guidance in English initially, but are looking to add additional languages prior to the effective date of the rule.

Secretary Pate emphasized that states will likely get numerous inquiries from business about the reporting rule, and asked if FinCEN anticipates funding being provided to states in the future. He also asked if FinCEN can provide a more specific timeline on when guidance materials will be available. FinCEN indicated that they have no estimate or update on whether funding will be available, and added that they expect preliminary guidance to be available in the coming weeks, and the small entity guide to be available in the Spring.

Secretary Marshall asked if Treasury would have a robust help desk function available for questions from businesses. FinCEN noted that they currently have a help desk available for general questions, and are working to create a system for dealing more specifically with inquires related to the reporting requirements.

Secretary Bullock urged other members to pay close attention to the topic since there are a lot of issues that need be resolved before the reporting rule takes effect, and states will be getting a lot of questions from business.

Secretary Griswold introduced Melissa Lanning Trumpower, Executive Director, Better Business Bureau Institute for Marketplace Trust. Ms. Lanning Trumpower noted the following in her presentation:

- The BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust provides marketplace research, consumer education, and business programs.
- The BBB Risk Index looks at 3 factors in assessing the risk of scams: exposure, susceptibility, and risk. The riskiest scams reported by businesses are online purchase scams, bank/credit card imposter scams, and cryptocurrency scams. Other business scams include charity scams, business email compromise, fake checks, phishing, fake invoicing, and government agency imposters.
- Impersonation scams are the most frequent tactic reported to the BB. Organization impersonated by scammers ore often well-known businesses.
- The BBB will publish its Scam Tracker Risk Report next month during Consumer Protection Week. The report outlines the riskiest scams facing consumers based on an analysis of the reports submitted to the BBB Scam Tracker in 2022.

Secretary Watson noted that Mississippi has seen a number of cases where people are taking checks from P.O. boxes and using those checks to create businesses in a similar name and open bank accounts. He added that similar cases have also been reported in Alabama. He asked if the BBB was able to help states notify the business community about those types of fraud. Ms. Lanning Trumpower noted that the BBB

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has a network of trusted businesses that it can utilize to help raise awareness. She added that states can reach out to her directly or contact the local or national BBB office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards

Adopted on July 12, 2006;
Reaffirmed on July 13, 2011 and July 17, 2016;
Amended and readopted on February 19, 2018

Mission Statement

It is the goal of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to endorse and promote these technology neutral standards, developed originally by the National E-Notarization Commission for secure and feasible implementation of in-person electronic notarization, and amended to include remote electronic notarization. In the event of ambiguity of a term or standard, it should be interpreted in favor of technology neutrality.

Foreword

The National E-Notarization Commission, whose formation was endorsed and sanctioned by NASS at our 2006 Winter Conference developed the original in-person, electronic notarization standards. These standards were presented NASS members for consideration at our 2006 Summer Conference. The members voted unanimously to adopt the standards, and voted to reaffirm the standards at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference. At our 2016 Conference, the in-person, e-notarization Standards were again reaffirmed, however this version included several amendments proposed by the NASS Notary Public Administrators Section (NPA) designed to streamline and clarify the standards.

In April 2016, NASS formed the Remote Electronic Notarization Task Force to examine the topic of remote electronic notarization. The Task Force consisted of NASS members, members of NPA, various industry/government stakeholders and private sector advisors. At the Summer 2017 Conference, NASS adopted a resolution authorizing the convening of appropriate parties to develop remote notarization standards enabling remote notarizations that will protect the credibility of the process, help prevent identity fraud and provide accountability to the public in order to advance secure electronic commerce. Through a series of in-person meetings and conference calls the Task Force developed an addendum to the in-person electronic notarization standards to accommodate remote electronic notarization. These changes were adopted by the NASS membership at the Winter 2018 Conference.

These standards do not in any way require the use of one specific technology, nor are they intended to privilege the use of one specific technology over another, nor do they limit the utilization of electronic signatures outside the electronic notarization process.

Definitions

1. “Electronic” means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

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2. “Electronic document” means information that is created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

3. “Electronic notarial act” means an official act by a notary public on or involving an electronic document and using electronic means authorized by the [commissioning official] or the laws of the jurisdiction of appointment.[1]

4. “Electronic notarial certificate” means the portion of a notarized electronic document that is completed by the notary public, bears the notary public's electronic signature and/or official electronic seal, official title, commission number, commission expiration date, any required information concerning the date and place of the electronic notarization, and states the facts attested to or certified by the notary public in a particular electronic notarization.[2]

5. “Electronic notary seal” and “official electronic seal” mean information within a notarized electronic document that includes the notary public’s name, jurisdiction of appointment, commission number, and commission expiration date, and generally corresponds to data in notary public seals used on paper documents.[3]

6. “Electronic signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic document and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic document or record.

7. “Electronically enabled notary public” means a notary public who has registered with the [commissioning official] the capability of performing electronic notarial acts in conformance with these standards.

8. "Non-repudiation" means the inability of the signer of an electronic document to deny their electronic signature without factual basis.[4]

9. “Notary electronic signature” means those forms of electronic signature which have been approved by the commissioning official as an acceptable means for an electronic notary to affix the notary's official signature to an electronic record that is being notarized.

10. “Notary public” means an individual commissioned or appointed to perform a notarial act by the [commissioning/appointing officer or agency] of this State.[5]

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[1] These Definitions and Standards use the terms “commission,” “commissioning” and “appointment” interchangeably, to refer to a state’s authorization of an individual to perform notarial acts.

[2] Although the definitions for “electronic notarial certificate” and “electronic notary seal” have references to “commission number,” “commission expiration” and “notary seal,” it is recognized that some jurisdictions do not issue commission numbers, or require notary seals. Other jurisdictions that issue life-long notary commissions do not have expiration dates.

[3] See footnote 2.

[4] The concept of "non-repudiation" is intended to create a presumption of regularity and reliability of electronically executed documents, so that they may be relied upon by third parties. This presumption is foundational to commissioning authorities’ ability to authenticate notarial acts.

[5] The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts differentiates “notary public” from “notarial officer,” which is a notary public OR mother individual—for example, judges, clerks, etc.—authorized to perform a notarial act. These Standards contemplate only notaries public.

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11. “Personal appearance” and “appears before the notary” mean that the principal and the notary public:

- are physically close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and give identification credentials to each other, or;
- interact through the use of audio- video communication as defined in addendum.

12. “Registration” and “register” mean a separate commission to perform electronic notarial acts under the laws of this State, or registration with the commissioning official in compliance with these standards.[6]

13. “State” means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States

14. “Tamper-evident” means that any changes to an electronic document shall display evidence of the change.

15. "Unique to the Notary Public" and "under the sole control" mean with respect to an electronic notarization that the signing device used to affix the electronic signature of the Notary Public and to render the official electronic seal information tamper-evident must be accessible by and attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities for the necessary period of time that such device is engaged and operating to effectuate the authorized electronic notarization.[7]

Standards

Personal Appearance Requirement

1. A notary public shall not perform an electronic notarization if the document signer does not appear in person before the notary public at the time of notarization.

2. The methods for identifying document signers for an electronic notarization where the signer is in the physical presence of the notary shall be the same as the methods required for a paper-based notarization.[8]

Registration Requirement

3. The commissioning official shall require a notary public to register the capability to notarize electronically before performing any electronic notarial act. Such registration shall be with the [commissioning official] every time a notary public adopts a new or additional technology with which to perform electronic notarial acts.

4. The commissioning official shall require a notary public who registers the capability of performing electronic notarial acts to provide the following information: a) the electronic technology or technologies

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[6] This new Definition recognizes that some states that have authorized electronic notarization require only a single notary commission for performance of paper-based and electronic notarial acts, while other states require a separate commission for each medium. As such, “registration” and “register” apply to either commissioning or appointment approach.

[7] The definitions of "unique to the notary public" and "under the sole control" are terms that do not require any particular currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic notarization that satisfy these standards.

[8] Under no circumstance shall a notary public base identification merely upon familiarity with a signer's electronic signature or an electronic verification process that authenticates the signer's electronic signature when the signer does not appear personally before notary public.

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to be used in attaching or logically associating an electronic notarial signature, seal and certificate to an electronic document; b) an exemplar of the notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal, and c) any necessary instructions or techniques supplied by the vendor that allow the notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal to be read.[9]

Form and Manner of Performing the Electronic Notarial Act

5. When performing an electronic notarization, a notary public shall complete an electronic notarial certificate and attach or logically associate the notary's electronic signature and seal to that certificate in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

6. The notary public's electronic signature is deemed to be reliable if the following requirements are met: a) it is unique to the notary public, b) it is capable of independent verification, c) it is retained under the notary public's sole control, and d) it is attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

7. The notary public's official electronic seal is deemed to be reliable if the following requirements are met: a) it is unique to the notary public, b) it is capable of independent verification, c) it is retained under the notary public's sole control, and d) it is attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a tamper-evident manner. Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

8. The notary public's electronic signature in combination with the electronic notary seal shall be used only for the purpose of performing electronic notarial acts.

9 The liability, sanctions, and remedies for the improper performance of electronic notarial acts are the same as described and provided by law for the improper performance of non-electronic notarial acts.

Security Requirements

10. The notary public shall not disclose any access information used to affix the electronic notary's signature and seal except when requested by law enforcement, the courts, and with reasonable precautions, electronic document preparation and transmission vendors.[10]

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[9] The technologies that a state may authorize for an electronic notarization will dictate how the attachment or logical association of the electronic notarial certificate, electronic signature, and official electronic seal to the document will be accomplished. It is possible that the electronic signature and seal may be combined in a single element, or that the seal may be a component of the signature or vice versa. The important matter is that all of the notary public's identifying and commissioning information be made a part of, or a secure attachment to, the underlying notarized electronic document. Although Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) and Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) and the federal E-Sign Act can be read to have eliminated the need for a physical seal image as a requirement for determining whether an electronic document is an "original" versus a copy, the seal requirement remains essential to authenticating documents under federal and state rules of evidence. What is important is that the basic identifying and commissioning information – contained in the notary public's holographic signature and traditional inking and embossing notary seals – also be elements of a notarized electronic document.

[10] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINS, phrases, software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned individual.

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Requirements for Authenticating the Notarial Act

11. Electronic notarial acts need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation and the capability of being authenticated by the [commissioning official] for purposes of issuing Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication. They are as follows: a) the fact of the notarial act, including the notary's identity, signature, and commission status, must be verifiable by the commissioning official and b) the notarized electronic document will be rendered ineligible for authentication by the [commissioning official] if it is improperly modified after the time of notarization, including any unauthorized alterations to the document content, the electronic notarial certificate, the notary public's electronic signature, and/or the notary public's official electronic seal.[11]

Requirements for Issuance of Electronic Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication (Appointment)

12. Electronic Apostilles need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Apostille by the [commissioning official] must be independently verifiable and b) the Apostille must be invalidated if the underlying document is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Apostille from the public document.[12]

13. Electronic certificates of Authentication (or Appointment) need to fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Certificate by the [commissioning official] must be independently verifiable and b) the Certificate must be invalidated if the underlying document is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Certificate from the public document.[13]

[11] "Authentication" in this context is "a certification of the genuineness of the official character, i.e., signature and seal, or position of a foreign official. It is an act done with the intention of causing a document which has been executed or issued in one jurisdiction to be recognized in another jurisdiction. Documents which may require authentication include legal instruments notarized by foreign notaries or other officials, and copies of public records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, issued by foreign record keepers." (22 CFR 92.36)

[12] The Apostille and the underlying document are legally joined. Therefore, any separation legally invalidates the Apostille. To ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Apostille must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term “public document” is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law’s Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

[13] The certificate and the underlying document are legally joined, and any separation legally invalidates the Certificate. Therefore, to ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Certificate must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term “public document” is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law’s Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

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Addendum: Audio-Video Communication

In this Addendum, the terms in Standards 1-15 (Definitions) have the meanings ascribed. In addition:

1. “Audio-video communication” means being able to see, hear, and communicate with another individual in real time using electronic means.

2. "Credential analysis" means a process or service operating according to criteria allowed by the commissioning authority through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a government-issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

3. “Dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment” means an identity assessment that is based on a set of questions formulated from public or proprietary data sources for which the principal has not provided a prior answer.

4. "Identity proofing" means a process or service operating according to criteria approved by the commissioning official through which a third person or party affirms the identity of an individual through review of personal information from public or proprietary data sources.

5. “Public key certificate” means an electronic credential which is used to identify an individual who signed an electronic record with the certificate.

6. “Real time” means the actual span of uninterrupted, simultaneous communication during which all parts of an electronic notarial act occur

7. “Remote electronic notarization system” means a set of applications, programs, hardware, software, or technology designed to enable an electronic notary to perform electronic notarial acts through audio-video communication.

8. “Remotely presented” means the transmission of a quality image of a government-issued identification credential to an electronic notary public through communication technology for the purpose of enabling the electronic notary public to identify the person appearing before the electronic notary public and to perform a credential analysis.

Authority to Perform Electronic Notarizations Using Audio-Video Communication

A notary public may perform an electronic notarial act for an electronic document by means of audio-video communication for a principal who is located:

- in the state where the notary is commissioned;
- outside of the state where the notary is commissioned but within the United States; or
- outside the United States if:
    - the act is not prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located at the time of the act.

A notary public who performs an electronic notarial act for a principal by means of audio-video communication shall be located within the state where the notary is commissioned at the time the electronic notarial act is performed. The notary public shall include a statement in the electronic notarial

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certificate to indicate that the electronic notarial act was performed by means of audio-video communication. The statement may also be included in the electronic notary seal.

Requirements for Remote Electronic Notarization Systems

A remote electronic notarization system used to perform electronic notarial acts by means of audio-video communication shall:

- provide sufficient audio clarity and video resolution to enable the notary and the principal to see and speak to each other simultaneously through live, real time transmission; and
- include a means of authentication that reasonably ensures only the proper parties have access to the audio-video communication; and
- provide some manner of ensuring that the electronic record that is presented for electronic notarization is the same record electronically signed by the principal; and
- enable the notary public to verify the identity of the principal through multiple identity verification methods, which may include: completion of a dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment; credential analysis of a remotely presented government-issued identification that contains the signature and a photograph of the principal; a valid public key certificate; or any other identity proofing method adopted by the commissioning official; and
- be capable of creating, storing, and accessing an electronic recording of the audio-video communication; and
- provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to: the live transmission of the audio-video communication; a recording of the audio-video communication; the verification methods and credentials used to verify the identity of the principal; and the electronic documents presented for electronic notarization.

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Minutes: NASS Cybersecurity Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:
Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ (co-chair)
Hon. Wes Allen, AL
Hon. Adrian Fontes, AZ
Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
Hon. Stephanie Thomas, CT
Hon. Brad Raffensperger, GA
Hon. Phil McGrane, ID
Hon. Scott Schwab, KS
Hon. Michael Adams, KY
Hon. Susan Lee, MD
Hon. Michael Watson, MS
Hon. Robert Evnen, NE
Hon. David Scanlan, NH
Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
Hon. Al Schmidt, PA
Hon. Gregg Amore, RI
Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
Hon. Mac Warner, WV

Secretary Way called the meeting to order and announced that there were no business items for the Committee to consider. NASS Deputy Director Lindsey Forson provided an overview of Cybersecurity Committee activities, noting that the Committee provides members with information and resources on relevant cybersecurity policies and practices, and keeps members updated on cybersecurity-related federal legislation and federal agency activities that impact member offices.

Secretary Way introduced the Director of CISA, Jen Easterly, to discuss current and future CISA programs and initiatives. Director Easterly noted the following during the discussion:

- Some of the cybersecurity challenges impacting state and local governments include ongoing threats to critical infrastructure from foreign actors such as China, Iran, and Russia, as well as ransomware attacks.
- CISA is focused on providing jurisdictions that lack resources with information and tools to help defend against cyber threats, increase resilience, and mitigate risk, including through the joint ransomware task force recently established by the FBI.
- CISA's focus over the next 2 years is continuing to build resilience into critical infrastructure, including ensuring that state and local officials have the resources they need to reduce risks and continue to administer safe and secure elections.

Secretary Way introduced Cynthia Kaiser, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI Cyber Division, to discuss cyber threats to the homeland. Ms. Kaiser noted the following in her presentation:

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- The FBI has not released its post-election report for the 2022 election, but there has been no evidence of foreign governments compromising the election or manipulating the results.
- The FBI's cybersecurity efforts include imposing risks and consequences to cyber adversaries, pulling back anonymity, and impacting criminals financially.
- The FBI continues to focus on cyber threats from foreign actors such as China, Iran, and Russia, as well as ransomware threats. The FBI recently announced a successful operation against the Hive ransomware campaign that was able to prevent $130 million in ransomware paid to cyber criminals.

Secretary Way introduced Ginny Badanes, Senior Director of Democracy Forward at Microsoft, to discuss cybersecurity lessons from abroad. Ms. Badanes noted the following in her presentation:

- Microsoft's threat intelligence center helped identify an escalation in cyber attacks against Ukraine prior to Russia's invasion, and private sector partners worked with Ukraine to identify critical areas of data and migrate that information from physical assets to the cloud.
- Russian cyberattacks against Ukraine have included attacks focused on government systems and critical entities, as well as espionage attacks targeting Ukraine's allies.

  Russia has also carried out various influence operations against Ukraine, including leveraging propaganda networks to launch a particular narrative. There is concern about the Russian state media's influence around the world through news organizations like RT news, which is widely viewed in Latin America.

Secretary Griswold asked if Microsoft has any data on Russian propaganda efforts targeting individuals in the U.S. through news and media in Spanish and other languages. Ms. Badanes noted that they focus mainly on online activities, and would follow up to provide more information on those efforts.

Secretary Hobbs noted that there have been misinformation campaigns focused on the use of Albert sensors by counties, as well as misinformation efforts directed towards states participating in ERIC, and asked what states can do to inform legislatures and prevent officials from buying into that information. He also asked if those misinformation efforts are homegrown or from foreign adversaries. Director Easterly noted that it's not clear what the source of the misinformation surrounding Albert sensors is, but said that foreign adversaries have shown a propensity to take advantage of narratives that are already circulating. She added that it's important to continue amplifying the voices of trusted election officials, dispel rumors, and educate people on what devices like Albert sensor actually do.

Secretary Warner expressed concern about potential credibility issues for the FBI. Ms. Kaiser indicated that from her perspective as an FBI Cyber official, she and her colleagues are dedicated to their work and committed to helping protect state, local, and election officials and the public from cyber adversaries abroad.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Minutes: NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:
Hon. Paul Pate, IA (co-chair)
Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM (co-chair)
Hon. Wes Allen, AL
Hon. Adrian Fontes, AZ
Hon. Jena Griswold, CO
Hon. Stephanie Thomas, CT
Hon. Brad Raffensperger, GA
Hon. Phil McGrane, ID
Hon. Diego Morales, IN
Hon. Michael Adams, KY
Hon. Kyle Ardoin, LA (by proxy)
Hon. Shenna Bellows, ME
Hon. William Galvin, MA
Hon. Jocelyn Benson, MI
Hon. Steve Simon, MN
Hon. Francisco V. Aguilar, NV
Hon. David Scanlan, NH
Hon. Michael Howe, ND
Hon. Frank LaRose, OH (by proxy)
Hon. Shemia Fagan, OR (by proxy)
Hon. Gregg Amore, RI
Hon. Monae Johnson, SD
Hon. Deidre Henderson, UT
Hon. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, VT
Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA
Hon. Mac Warner, WV

Secretary Pate called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the Elections Committee, noting that the Committee educates and informs members on election administration issues, updates members on federal/congressional activities related to elections, and provides a forum for members to share election practices.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver noted that NASS still holds bi-weekly Webex meeting of the Elections Committee to share relevant updates and information, as well as hear from presenters on topics of interest to the Committee.

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Secretary Pate announced that there was a 2018 NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program that was scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized. He added that the resolution encouraged USPS to include voter registration applications as part of change of address programs. Secretary Toulouse Oliver noted that the membership has recently discussed taking a more cautious and effective approach in handling resolutions, and added that since USPS has an established process in place for providing voter registration information, the Committee may want to consider allowing the resolution to sunset. No action was taken on the resolution, and it was allowed to sunset.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver introduced the first panel of speakers to discuss Congressional staff priorities for the House Administration Committee majority and minority, and the Senate Rules Committee majority. She noted that the Senate Rules was unable to send a representative from the minority due to staffing changes.

Stephen Spaulding, Policy Director, Senate Rules (Majority) noted that priorities include ensuring that elections run smoothly, voters have access to the ballot box, and election workers are protected from threats. Another top priority is ensuring that state and local election officials have the resources and funding they need to administer elections. The Committee will also work to advance legislation based on the Freedom to Vote Act, and will seek input from election officials.

Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration, noted that priorities include election related free-speech issues, and providing members of Congress with a firsthand look at the election administration process. He noted that the Committee will be reintroducing the American Confidence in Elections Act, and added that they don't believe in a one-size fits all approach to elections. He noted that the Committee will also continue to carry out the Constitution requirement for the House to judge the election, returns, and qualifications of members.

Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration, noted that priorities will include cyber and physical election security, addressing election related mis/disinformation, and working to provide election officials with a reliable, sustainable funding source for administering secure for administering elections.

Secretary Pate introduced EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, and EAC Commission Ben Hovland, to discuss EAC programs and initiatives. Ms. McCormick and Mr. Hovland noted the following in their remarks:

- 2023 EAC priorities include certification of voting systems to VVSG 2.0; development of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP); release of the 2020 EAVS; distributing $75 million in election security grants; developing election official resources; and redesigning the EAC website.
- The EAC will stop accepting applications for voting systems to be tested against VVSG 1.0 and 1.1 after November 15, 2023. After that time all applications must be for VVSG 2.0, or limited modifications to existing EAC certifies systems. Jurisdiction can continue to use or procure existing EAC certified systems indefinitely.
- Congress recently provided the EAC with $1 million dollars for the HAVA College Poll Worker Grant Program. The program has not been funded for several years, and the EAC welcomes feedback as it determines how the program will be carried out.
- The EAC recently released a variety of guides and toolkits, and is currently developing additional election management guidelines, an alternative voting methods report, and other resources.

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Secretary Toulouse Oliver asked Secretary Adams to provide an update on the National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) effort. Secretary Adams noted that he and Secretary Simon serve as bipartisan representatives to NVRD from NASS, and said that NVRD recently released its final report on 2022 efforts. He added that NVRD has helped register over 5 million new voters since it was created in 2012, and he encouraged members to get involved in NVRD activities in 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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Minutes: NASS Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15th, 2023
Washington, DC

Participants:

NASS President - Hon. Tahesha Way, NJ
President Elect - Hon. Scott Schwab, KS
Treasurer - Hon. Steve Simon, MN
Southern Region Vice President - Hon. Michael Watson, MS
Midwestern Region Vice President - Hon. Robert Evnen, NE
Member at Large (NPA Liaison) - Hon. Kimberly Bassett, DC

NASS President, Secretary Way, called the Executive Board meeting to order and announced that the first item of business was a review of the financial report for the 2022 NASS summer conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds provided a summary of the financial report, and noted that the conference resulted in a net profit of over $200,000 to NASS, in large part due to the fundraising efforts of Secretary Ardoin's office.

Anthony Worch, NASS' accountant, provided a review of the NASS draft audited financial statement for June 2022. Mr. Worch noted that the financial statement for the year ending June 30, 2022, shows NASS with approximately $1.4 million in net assets (including deferred revenue), and approximately $1.1 million in total functional expenses. He added the auditor's statement provides NASS with an unmodified (clean) opinion, which is the goal of the audit, and all of NASS' financials are in order. He also noted that NASS has sufficient liquid assets to cover operating expenses for over one year, which he described as a good indicator of NASS' financial situation.

Action Item:
Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the NASS draft audited financial statement for June 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon, and approved unanimously.

Secretary Way announced that the next item of business was a review of the NASS December 2022 financials. Reynolds noted that the NASS balance sheet as of December 31, 2022, reflects approximately 1.6 million in total assets (including deferred revenue). She added that most expenses were on or under budget, and the budget vs. actuals reflects net income of approximately $197,000, which includes income from the 2022 summer conference.

Action Item:
Secretary Schwab moved to recommend approval of the NASS December 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bassett, and approved unanimously.

Secretary Way noted that the next agenda item was an update on the planning for the 2023 summer conference, and an update on the corporate affiliate program. NASS Director of Membership & Administration, Stacy Dodd, noted that the conference will be held in Washington DC as part of an agreement with the Grand Hyatt following NASS' cancellation of the two previous winter conferences that were supposed be held at the hotel. She noted that the fundraising goal for the summer conference is $200,000, and added that many of the NASS corporate affiliates will likely be sponsors. She asked members to let her know if they are aware of any organizations in their state that might interested in

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sponsoring the summer conference. Reynolds noted that one of the benefits of having the conference is the availability of many free activities and destinations for members who bring their families.

Ms. Dodd noted that NASS recently lost several corporate affiliates, but gained several new ones, and had some existing corporate affiliates increased their sponsorship level, which has resulted in a total increase of $30,000 in corporate affiliate dues.

Reynolds noted that Virginia recently became a member of NASS, and added that New York is also considering becoming a member.

Secretary Way noted that the next item on the agenda was the consideration potential action items for the Board to consider as well as an update on NASS project and activities.

NASS Deputy Director Lindsey Forson noted that the Executive Board recently adopted an interim position consisting of public comments submitted by NASS in response to a request for information on cyber incident reporting provisions included in the Critical Infrastructure Act of 2022. She noted that the Act gives CISA the authority to require critical infrastructure entities to report cyber incidents to CISA, and added that CISA will be defining the entities and incidents subject to the requirements through rulemaking. She noted that the interim position approved by the Board is consistent with the existing incident notification protocols adopted by the GCC, as well as the principles in the NASS resolution regarding the NASS approach to federal legislation. She also noted that while the interim position focuses on elections related entities, it's broad enough to cover all member offices, since the scope of the requirements adopted by CISA could extend more broadly to state government offices. She also noted that the request for information from CISA was part of the early stages of the rulemaking process, and the interim position was intended to provide general feedback for CISA to consider during that process. She added that as CISA advances through the rulemaking process, there will be additional opportunities to provide public comment. She added that since the comments submitted by NASS constitute an interim position of the Association, they will go to the full membership at the winter conference for consideration on whether to approve the comments as a permanent position, or allow them to sunset.

Deputy Director Forson provided an overview of a proposal from Civic Roundtable to provide NASS with access to a community platform designed for public servants that would allow the IT staff of NASS member offices to collaborate and share information on relevant policies, programs, and other activities. She noted that NASS has been utilizing a free Slack channel through EI-ISAC, but there have been several challenges with that platform. She said the proposal from Civic Roundtable would provide NASS with a 6-month pilot subscription for a $3000 fee, and after 6 months NASS could discontinue the subscription, or sign up for an annual subscription at a fee of $12,000 per year. She noted that during the pilot subscription, NASS would likely utilize the program mainly for state IT staff, and if NASS decided to continue using the platform after the pilot, it could consider using it for other state staff groups as well. Secretary Evnen asked if the platform was secure. Deputy Director Forson noted that NASS would rely on Civic Roundtable to ensure proper security protocols were in place, and added that states would only share information that is public, and not anything considered private or proprietary. Reynolds noted that if NASS decided to sign an annual subscription after the 6-month pilot, she would include the annual fee in the proposed budget to be approved at the July 2023 Summer Conference Executive Board meeting.

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Action Item:
Secretary Evnen moved to recommend that NASS agree to the proposal from Civic Roundtable for NASS to utilize the Civic Roundtable Community Platform for a 6-month pilot subscription at a fee of $3000, and after 6 months evaluate whether to agree to an annual subscription at a rate of $12,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon and approved unanimously.

Deputy Director Forson noted that CIS conducted a 3-year pilot process called RABET-V for verifying the security of non-voting election technology. She added that the program allows any state to voluntary submit systems for testing under the RABET-V process. She noted that CIS will soon be launching a full program based on the pilot, which will include an advisory board. She added that CIS is planning to invite 3 NASS members, and 1 NASS staff member to serve on the advisory board, and asked members to consider whether they would be interested in that role.

Reynolds noted that under the NASS resolution process, any new resolutions proposed for consideration must be co-sponsored by 2 Democrats and 2 republicans. She added that resolutions are effective for 5 years, after which time they must be reauthorized or allowed to sunset. She noted that during the 2022 NASS summer conference, there were apparently discussions during the Secretaries only meetings about NASS no longer considering any resolutions. She added that no formal action about this was proposed during the conference, and any decisions made during the Secretaries only meeting were not communicated to NASS staff. She noted that there are several resolutions scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized at this winter conference, which she sent out to the relevant Committees to review prior to the conference. She asked the Board for clarification on any changes to the resolutions process that were discussed during the Secretaries only meetings.

Secretary Schwab, Secretary Simon, and Secretary Way indicated that based on their recollection of those discussions, there was no decision to officially end the resolution process or amend the bylaws, but there were concerns expressed that some resolutions were considered controversial and creating dissension among the membership, and there was a consensus that the membership should pause and take a more careful/targeted approach to the consideration of resolutions. They also indicated that consideration or action on any resolutions should be reserved for non-controversial issues have a significant impact on NASS members, and there is broad agreement among members that input from NASS is valuable and useful.

Reynolds noted that one of the resolutions scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized at the winter conference is the 2018 NASS resolution in support of self-determination and equality for Puerto Rico. She added that it falls under the purview of the Executive Board to determine whether to recommend the resolution for reauthorization, or allow it to sunset. Based on the previous discussion regarding NASS resolutions, no action was taken on the resolution, and it was allowed to sunset.

Reynolds noted that there also two other resolutions scheduled to sunset unless reauthorized at the winter conference: a 2018 resolution regarding NASS support for including voter registration applications in USPS change of address programs that falls under the purview of the Elections Committee, and a 2018 resolution supporting revised national electronic notarization standards, which falls under the purview of the Business Services Committee. She indicated that the members may need to provide guidance to the co-chairs of those Committees on how those resolutions should be handled.

Reynolds noted that she proposed some suggested edits to the NASS bylaws to update or clarify language in several provisions, including removing references to Committees that no longer exist. Secretary Way

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indicated that she recently spoke with Secretary Schwab about amending the bylaws to update the language regarding the selection process for Executive Board members. She also noted that they discussed amending the bylaws to incorporate a role for the Executive Board in the hiring process for NASS staff positions, including having the Board review any proposals for staff hirings, job postings, and applications or resumes that are submitted, as well as providing reports to the Executive Board on those activities. Secretary Schwab indicated that there may be other areas where the Executive Board should consider updating or making changes to the bylaws, and he and Secretary Way suggested that the Executive Board hold follow up meetings in the Spring to review and discuss potential amendments to the bylaws that can be submitted for consideration at the summer conference.

Reynolds noted that she incorporated some suggested edits into the NASS Policies and Procedures manual to remove language referencing the Awards Committee and the NASS partnership programs, which no longer exist.

Action Item:
Secretary Evnen moved to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the NASS Policies and Procedures Manual to remove outdated language referencing NASS Committees and programs that no longer exist. The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon and approved unanimously.

NASS Communications Director Maria Benson provided a review of the NASS #TrustedInfo2022 Initiative. She noted that the effort promoted election officials as the trusted sources of election information and directed voters to election officials' websites and social media pages. She added that the program included a variety of resources to help states promote the initiative, including graphics, templates, toolkits, animated videos, and other resources.

Secretary Bassett, NASS liaison to NPA, submitted the NPA winter conference report to the Executive Board. Reynolds noted that ACR's winter conference report was also submitted to the Executive Board. She also encouraged members to send their ACR and NPA staff members to the NASS summer conference.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

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The following feedback is submitted on behalf of the Executive Board of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS):

We thank the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for its ongoing coordination with NASS. We request that CISA considers existing cyber incident reporting structures and protocols for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments when drafting its final rule for cyber incident reporting requirements. Through membership in the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), and the Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council (EIS-GCC), NASS members have sufficient and effective means of reporting cyber threat information and potential incidents to CISA.

In 2018, the EIS-GCC established voluntary Threat Information and Incident Reporting Protocols for the Election Infrastructure Subsector. The protocols were created by CISA, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and SLTT election entities, through the EIS-GCC. The goal was to achieve optimal information sharing across the Subsector and with the federal government, while not overburdening SLTT jurisdictions with onerous requirements. The Subsector has exercised and refined these protocols over the past five years.

SLTT election entities have embedded the protocols into their standard operating procedures and incident response plans. Our federal partners, including CISA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), have also incorporated the protocols into their incident notification policies.

As CISA drafts any section of the final rule that applies to offices of Secretaries of State and/or other SLTT election entities, we request that CISA:

- Seeks ongoing input from the EIS-GCC and NASS related to the implementation of cyber incident reporting as it applies to the Election Infrastructure Subsector and/or Secretaries of State;
- Grants maximum flexibility to SLTT entities;
- Includes a reasonable timeframe for implementation of the new rule;
- Utilizes existing reporting structures including the MS-ISAC and the EI-ISAC;
- Follows the EIS-GCC's Threat Information and Incident Reporting Protocols;
- Avoids exceeding the reporting practices outlined in the Protocols and further avoids requiring reporting through additional avenues or to additional entities;
- Exercises caution in defining "covered cyber incident," "substantial cyber incident," and "reasonable belief" including ensuring reporting requirements do not apply to routine cyber activities we experience daily, such as scanning;
- Continues to respect our country's legal and historical distinctions and avoids overreach upon state authority; and
- Avoids costly requirements that would equate to an unfunded mandate on SLTT entities.

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Minutes: NASS State Heritage Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:

Hon. Steve Hobbs, WA (co-chair)
Hon. Shirley Weber, CA
Hon. Cynthia Bassett, DC
Hon. Diego Morales (R)
Hon. Bob Evnen, NE
Hon. Dave Scanlan, NH
Hon. Greg Amore, RI (by proxy)
Hon. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, VT
Hon. Mac Warner, WV

Secretary Hobbs introduced Jared Akenhead from Ancestry.com to discuss Ancestry's handwriting technology used to process 1950 Census data. Mr. Akenhead noted the following in his presentation:

- Ancestry developed a handwriting recognition technology that was utilized as a part of efforts to provide public access to 1950 Census data. The technology is able to identify specific documents and specific fields in those documents. Those fields are extracted, and the results are curated to provide an acceptable level of quality.
- Ancestry is working to expand the handwriting recognition technology and create models for utilizing it in a variety of other areas.

Secretary Hobbs introduced Dr. Lopez Matthews and Ms. Tamara Martin representing the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) to discuss CoSA programs and initiatives. The representatives from CoSA noted the following in their presentation:

- CoSA received a $100,000 subgrant for the Preparing Archives for Records in Email (PREPARE) project, which will provide practical solutions for collecting, preserving, and accessing email records across government agencies. The final project publication will be released in March of 2023 and will include findings, resources, and recommendations for email preservation.
- CoSA was awarded a 3-year IMLS grant for the Building Archival Capacity for Keeping Electronic Records (BACKER) project, which will develop new and expanded technical assistance, educational programming, and training to state government archives to strengthen their digital records preservation and accessibility capacities.
- CoSA is working to update its Importance of State Archives publication, and will soon be releasing its biennial State of the States records report. The CoSA website has a variety of other tools and resources on state records and archives issues.

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Minutes: Securities Committee Meeting
Friday, February 17th, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Participants:

Hon. David Scanlan, NH (co-chair)
Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC (co-chair)
Hon. Diego Morales, IN
Hon. Michael Watson, MS

Secretary Scanlan called the meeting to order, and provided an overview of the Securities Committee, noting that the Committee is tasked with reviewing the actions of the North American Securities Administrators (NASAA) and other stakeholder organizations, including Congress and relevant federal agencies, with an interest in securities regulation by states.

Secretary Scanlan introduced Vincente Martinez, General Counsel, NASAA, to discuss the current status of digital asset regulation. Mr. Martinez noted that NASAA's position is that digital assets generally fall within the definition of securities, which is similar to the SECs position. He noted that NASAA's federal policy agenda encourages Congress to recognize the utility of the current regulatory framework as it considers legislation relating to digital assets. He also noted that NASAA developed core principles for evaluating federal legislation relating to digital assets

Secretary Scanlan asked Mr. Martinez if any states have passed legislation dealing with cryptocurrency. Mr. Martinez noted that Nebraska approved legislation dealing with cryptocurrency in the context of the UCC. He added that Wyoming also has a law dealing with blockchain and digital assets, including cryptocurrency. He also noted that a few states have laws establishing regulatory sandboxes, but those laws generally have not been utilized.

Secretary Scanlan asked if members had any updates related to securities activities in their state. Secretary Watson noted that the Mississippi Senate recently passed legislation dealing with cryptocurrency mining. Secretary Morales noted that as a new member, he plans to focus on investor education and financial literacy efforts, particularly among young people and seniors. Secretary Scanlan noted that his office recently published an investor education brochure, and created the Invest Smart NH website to provide investor protection tools and resources. He added that they are planning to launch a media campaign to promote the website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:01 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Attached are the notes from our call yesterday.

Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
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NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached you will find the agenda for the **NASS Elections Committee** during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference on **Thursday, Feb 16, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM**. We will hear from Senate Rules and House Administration Committee staff as well as the US Election Assistance Commission.

Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

Thanks so much!
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NASS Elections Committee WebEx Meeting
February 9th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced Ellen Gustafson, Co-Executive Director of Vet the Vote, to discuss the organization's poll worker recruitment efforts. Ms. Gustafson noted the following in her remarks:

- Veterans and military family members represent the most trusted in institution in the country, and are respected leaders, public servants, and citizens in their local communities. Vet the Vote works to recruit veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers and help strengthen democracy by increasing positive civic engagement of veterans and military family members, reducing the impact of mis/disinformation, and reducing threats of political violence.
- There are over 17 million veterans and military family members in America, and last summer Vote the Vet started the poll worker recruitment campaign to help address poll worker shortages. The organization was able to recruit 63,000 poll workers in a 5–6-month period.
- Vet the Vote built a coalition of 32 organizations that includes a number of military and veteran related organizations, as well as the National Football League (NFL), which conducted PSAs and publicized Vet the Vote recruitment efforts at several NFL games. The organization also worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on outreach to veterans, which resulted in a significant number of individuals signing up to serve as poll workers.
- Vote the Vet utilized Power the Polls for the poll worker sign up process, but understands that the process can be complicated, and is actively looking to work with states on the best ways to recruit and sign-up poll worker as part of a national campaign.
- Vote the Vet conducted as survey of veterans and military members who signed up to be poll workers, and 93% said they plan on volunteering again, 96% would recommend the role to other veterans and military family members; and 80% said it overwhelmingly increased their trust in elections.

Secretary Way noted that New Jersey has a statewide election each year, and said her office is interested in engaging with Vet the Vote for the upcoming election cycle. Ms. Gustafson noted that they were eager to engage and added that they are working to expand their platform to provide veterans and military family members with general information/education about elections, including information about elections that might not get as much attention.

Secretary Thomas noted that Connecticut often has a shortage of poll workers, and will likely need even more with the anticipated implementation of early voting by 2024. She added that the office is working to identify organizations it can partner with on recruitment efforts and is interested in connecting with Vet the Vote. Secretary Fontes, Secretary Aguilar, and several other states also expressed interest in working with Vet the Vote.

A participant asked if Vet the Vote was looking to identify local contacts to coordinate with or a single national contact. Ms. Gustafson noted that they worked with Power to the Polls as part of a national recruitment effort, but noted that they have consistently heard that the process can be frustrating for local offices. She added that in the future they would like to have more of a state-by-state approach, and they

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are interested in working with Secretary of State to explore different ways to operate that would work well in each state.

Reynolds noted that she would share Ms. Gustafson's contact information with the Elections Committee.

Reynolds provided an update on election related activities, including the following:

- FVAP discussed the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant opportunity on the last Elections Committee call, and the grant application is now available. The EASE program is a competitive grant, and the application closes in mid-March.
- The Elections Committee will meet on February 16th as part of the upcoming NASS winter conference. The Committee agenda includes staff from the House Administration and Senate Rules Committee, as well as the Election Assistance Commission. There will also be an election security workshop on February 16th, and a presentation from NCSL on the Harper v. Moore case on February 17th.
- The House Administration Committee recently announced the members of the elections subcommittee. The chair of the subcommittee is Laurel Lee (R-FL), and the ranking member of the subcommittee is Terri Sewell (D-AL).
- NASS recently participated in an EAC roundtable discussion on poll worker recruitment efforts. NASS mentioned its efforts working with the ABA on recruiting lawyers to serve as poll workers, and noted efforts by states to add poll worker recruitment efforts to their websites. The Elections Committee can consider having a discussion at the summer conference on ways to facilitate poll worker recruitment at the state level, since the local nature of the poll worker application process can create challenges for national campaigns.
- CISA is developing a cyber risk summary report based on election infrastructure information collected at the state and local level. NASS will include a discussion of the report on the agenda for the first Committee call after the winter conference. NASS has also invited the EAC inspector general to discuss EAC audits on an upcoming call, and will also invite the DOJ Election Threats Task force to join a future call.
- Members are encouraged to reach out to NASS if they have ideas for any other speakers or organizations they would like the hear from on an upcoming Committee call.

The call ended at 3:00 PM ET.

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NASS Elections Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30AM – 12:00PM
Independence East/West
Grand Hyatt
Washington, DC

NASS Elections Committee Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM

- **Committee Business**

  Committee Overview – Issues, Agencies, Congressional Committees
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

  Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program

- **Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules**

  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- **US Election Assistance Commission – Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines 2.0 and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot**

  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:44 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call
Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference
Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair
Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023
Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

Thanks,
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From: Maria Benson
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Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:46:47 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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To:	Edward Buchanan
Cc:	Donald Palmer; Thomas Hicks; Mark Robbins; Steven Frid; Amanda Joiner
Subject:	Election Assistance Commission - Standards Board Appointments
Date:	Tuesday, January 31, 2023 3:11:04 PM
Attachments:	WY Appointment Letter.pdf Notice-of-Representation-Form-Standards-Board-2023.pdf

Dear Sec. Gray,

Attached please find a letter regarding Wyoming's appointments to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board and a Notice of Representation form. As noted in the letter, the EAC is seeking your jurisdiction's appointments to the Standards Board for the two-year term beginning April 13, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 202-868-0353 or ksmith@eac.gov.

Thank you,

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:22 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-100523.docx image001.png
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

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USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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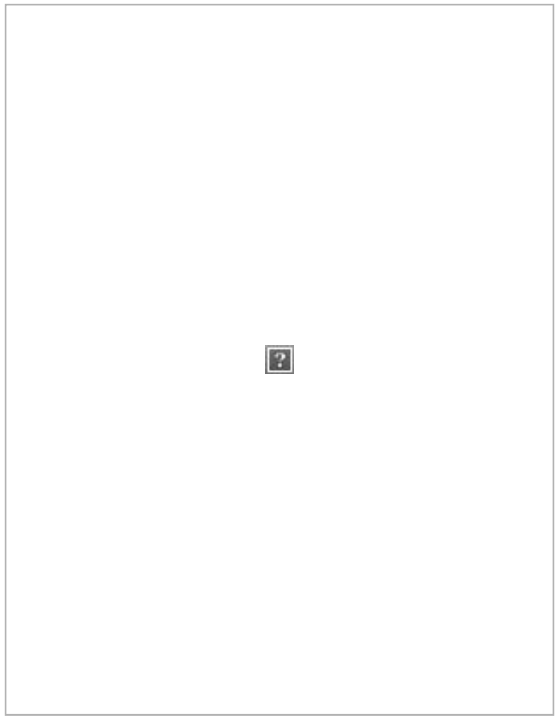
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: House Hearing on State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET, US Cyber Command Comments, USPS Election Mail Day at Postal Forum
Date:	Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:47:51 PM
Attachments:	EGMS_ElectionMailDayFlyer_2023.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications and IT Directors:

House Administration Hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:30PM ET - American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence

Due to South Korean President Yoon addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, April 27, **the House Admin hearing will begin at 2:30pm**.

The witnesses will be:
Hon. Ken Cuccinelli, bio-apr23.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Hans von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, hans-von-spakovsky-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State, warner-bio.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Don Palmer, EAC Commissioner, donald-palmer-2023-eac-bio_0.pdf (house.gov)
Hon. Joe Gloria, Chief Executive Officer of Operations, Election Center, Joseph Paul Gloria (house.gov)

The committee will also address the re-introduction of the *American Confidence in Elections Act*. As always, the hearing will be streamed live and the recording will be available on their YouTube channel.

News Stories about US Cyber Command Presentation at RSA

We have received some questions about news stories related to a compromise of an election night reporting website by an Iran-affiliated group. This was covered by the Washington Post and Politico, probably among others. The story was based on a joint presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA at the tech/cyber conference, RSA. These specific remarks are attributed to US Cyber Command. CISA described this as one of several vignettes demonstrating how CISA and US Cyber Command/NSA have worked together.

NASS staff has discussed this with CISA and here is our understanding of this issue:
The incident, which occurred in 2020, was an opportunistic cyber-attack that impacted citywide IT infrastructure in an unnamed US city. The election night reporting website, while impacted, is not believed by the federal government to have been the target of the attack. The news stories are largely missing this detail, and we are not sure whether it was covered in the presentation. CISA pointed to this report: Foreign Interference Targeting Election Infrastructure or Political Organization, Campaign, or Candidate Infrastructure Related to the 2020 US Related to the 2020 US Federal Elections which broadly mentioned opportunistic cyber-attacks impacting election-related infrastructure in 2020: “Broad Russian and Iranian campaigns targeting multiple critical infrastructure sectors did compromise the security of several networks that managed some election functions, but they did not materially affect the integrity of voter data, the ability to vote, the

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tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results." This publicly released report was covered in an unclassified briefing in 2021. We do not remember the details of how this specific incident was or was not covered during the briefing.

If you have outstanding questions or concerns about the presentation from US Cyber Command and CISA, we would be happy to get you connected to the right individuals.

Election Mail Day at National Postal Forum (NPF) on Wednesday, May 24 in Charlotte, NC
From USPS - **Join us at NPF in Charlotte, NC for a special one-day Election Mail Day Forum hosted by USPS. Election Mail Stakeholders will showcase how to optimize best practices and make the most of available resources throughout every stage of the election process. Enjoy a full day of expert panel presentations and actionable insights to fortify your Election Mail strategies.**

Come hear top Postal Service Leaders and Election Officials discuss topics such as:

- Securing and Ensuring the Integrity of Election Mail
- Understanding Election Mail Visibility & How to use IV®-MTR to Track Election Mail
- Leveraging Data for Better Election Administration through Business Intelligence
- Understanding Address Management Services
- Learning Appropriate Election Mailpiece Design Standards for Election Mail

See attachment for more information.

Best,
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 2/09, Contact Info for Vet the Vote, Agenda and Materials for NASS 2023 Winter Conference Elections Committee Meeting
Date:	Friday, February 10, 2023 2:56:03 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-020923.docx NASS Elections Committee Agenda.docx
Importance:	High

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Vet the Vote Contact information

Below is the contact information for Ellen Gustafson and Ingrid Sundlee from Vet the Votehttps://vetthe.vote/
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NASS Elections Committee Agenda and Related Sessions for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

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Other related committees and sessions:
Thursday, Feb 16
9:00AM – 10:15AM NASS Cybersecurity Committee
2:00PM – 3:30PM NASS Election Security Workshop
Friday, Feb 17
3:00PM – 3:45PM General Session: Overview of US Supreme Court Case: Moore v Harper

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NASS Elections Committee Meeting
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Independence East/West
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NASS Elections Committee Agenda
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Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM

- **Committee Business**

  Committee Overview – Issues, Agencies, Congressional Committees
  Hon. Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
  Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
  Ms. Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

  Resolution - NASS Resolution of Support for Enhancing Voter Registration Process Via USPS Change of Address Program

- **Key Congressional Staff on Priorities for House Administration and Senate Rules**

  Ms. Allison Hunn, Majority Elections Counsel, Senate Rules Committee
  Mr. Caleb Hayes, Majority Counsel, House Administration Committee
  Mr. Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director, House Administration Committee

- **US Election Assistance Commission – Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines 2.0 and New Equipment, Voting Equipment Deprecation, Test Lab Misinformation, E-Poll Book Pilot**

  Hon. Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission
  Hon. Ben Hovland, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

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Date:	Monday, March 20, 2023 8:45:13 AM
Attachments:	NASED Letter to EAC Re Deprecation of VVSG 1.0_3.17.23.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

NO NASS Elections Committee Call this Thursday, March 23

NASED Sends EAC Letter Urging Extensive, Public Outreach for VVSG Deprecation of Voting Systems

Attached you will find a letter sent by NASED last Friday (3/17) urging the EAC to develop a â â ¦comprehensive messaging and education campaign directed at voters, federal and state legislators, election officials, and members of the media describing what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means. We also believe the EAC website must include a formal statement about what deprecation of the VVSG 1.0 means that election offices can use for official purposes, including in litigation.â Concerns over misinformation about voting systems certification prompted the letter.

House Admin Elections Subcommittee Hearing on 2022 Election Lookback Series: Election Observer Access on 3/23 at 10:30AM ET

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- Michael Cunnington, former Ohio county elections official/former CHA GOP policy advisor and congressional observer
- Josh Findlay, RNC National Election Integrity Director
- Lynn Taylor, President of Virginia Institute for Public Policy

CISA Elections Team Joins FEMA to Hold Webinar on 2023 Homeland Security Grants Program (HSGP) for Election Security National Priority Areas on Thursday, March 23 from 2:00PM â 3PM ET

From CISA - CISAâ s Election Securityâ ¯andâ ¯Resilience teamâ ¯will beâ ¯joining FEMAâ ¯to leadâ ¯aâ ¯webinarâ ¯on theâ ¯fiscal yearâ ¯2023â ¯Homeland Security Grantsâ ¯Programâ ¯on Thursday, March 23rdâ ¯from 2:00-3:00 pm eastern.â ¯This webinar, which is part of a series, willâ ¯focus on election security.â ¯It willâ ¯provide additional information on the grantsâ ¯and how toâ ¯work with your State Administrativeâ ¯Agency to apply.â ¯The Notice of Opportunity of Funding can be found here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo.

Thursday, March 23 â 2-3pm EST â Election Security National Priority Area
Zoom Link â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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USPS to Send Survey to Election Officials this Week â Likely 3/21

Dear State Election Official,

The Postal Service once again performed strongly in delivering the nationâ s Election Mail during the 2022 mid-term elections. Our newly established Election and Government Mail Services team is now working on initiatives that will improve our Election Mail performance even further.

I am writing to you today to bring your attention to one of those initiatives â the Election Mail Visibility Survey â which will survey election officials regarding their use of the various tools available to improve the visibility of Election Mail within the postal network. This short survey, which will be issued to you and other state, local, and tribal election officials on March 21 will provide the Postal Service key information needed to help you improve your Election Mail program. We plan to leverage the results of the survey to provide more specific and customized outreach to your election jurisdiction in advance of the upcoming 2023 and 2024 election seasons.

To assure you of the surveyâ s authenticity and the security of the link provided by the Postal Service, it will be sent by email from Adrienne.E.Marshall@feedback.usps.com and look similar to the image at the conclusion of this message. We ask that you to take five minutes of your day to complete the survey and we will be in touch soon with the link you can use to access the survey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership as we continue to execute our role in processing, transporting, and delivering the nations Election Mail. Please contact Tiffany.S.Todd@usps.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Adrienne Marshall
Executive Director Election & Government Mail Services
United States Postal Service
475 Lâ Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20260-1011
Mobile: 601.842.6304

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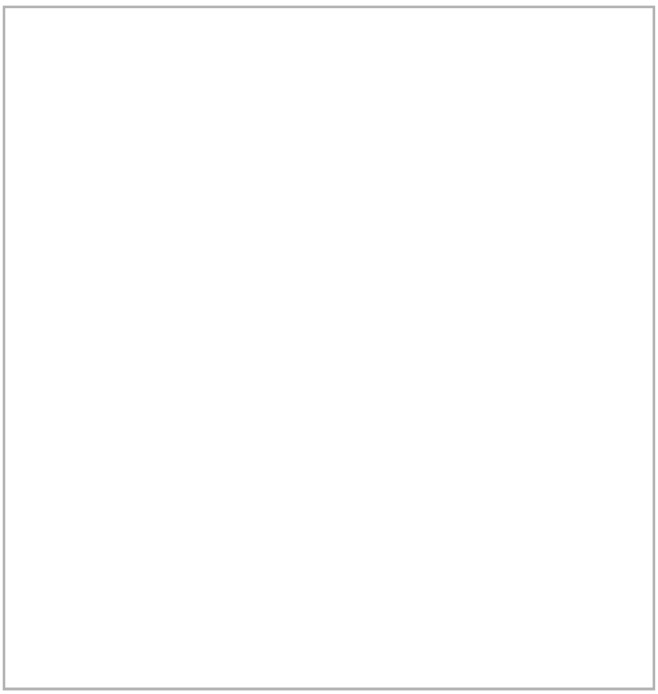

EAC Voter List Maintenance Best Practices Released

Last week the EAC held a Voter Registration List Maintenance Hearing with witnesses including Secretary Adams of KY. The EAC then released this report to include best practices on Voter Registration List Maintenance.

Thanks,
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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
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Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program 3% Required Spend for Election Security, Notes from 2/23 Call, Notes from Winter Conference Elections Committee meeting
Date:	Monday, February 27, 2023 2:19:44 PM
Attachments:	notes-elections-022323.docx NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 3 9 23 minutes-elections-winter23-final.docx 2023 WorkElections Update.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Grant Open Today

Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This grant program targets statewide terrorism prevention. The funds can be used for a broad range of projects, including cybersecurity and physical security initiatives. Secretaries of State are not eligible to apply directly for these funds. Rather, these funds are administered through a State Administrative Agency (SAA). Therefore, your office must coordinate with your state's SAA to utilize funds.

New this year – For FY 2023, DHS not only included election security as a "national priority area" (as they did last year) but also required a minimum spend of 3% on election security. SAAs are required to include the State's Chief Election Official in decisions surrounding this requirement. Additionally, states are required to spend at least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds across all of the national priority areas. These requirements apply to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Program (UASI), two of the grant programs within the HSGP. Here is a list of the national priority areas and the minimum spend requirements for SHSP and UASI:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3%
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – 3%
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3%
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum percent
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3%
6. Enhancing election security – 3%

Please see the NOFO for additional details. Here is an excerpt from **page 30** on the Election Security spending requirement:

"**Election Security (3%)**: In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure, ensuring its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, at least one investment must be in support of the state's and high-risk urban area's efforts to enhance physical election security and/or cyber

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election security. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2023 national priority percentage for election security and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

The SAA must include the State's Chief Election Official for all projects and matters related to the election security National Priority Area. Any activities proposed that could be used to suppress voter registration or turnout will not be approved.

Additional resources and information regarding election security are available through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency."

The SAA in your state should be able to help your office navigate this grant program. NASS will ensure you have a forum to ask questions of DHS and would be happy to connect your office directly to the right folks at DHS in the meantime. If you have questions or would like to connect with DHS, please reach out to Lindsey (lforson@sso.org or 202-624-3524).

Notes from 2/23 Elections Committee Call and Calendar Info for March 9 Call

Attached are the notes from our call last Thursday. **Please be aware that the notes cover TLP AMBER discussions and should not be shared outside your office, except with locals or relevant vendors**. Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 and the calendar information is attached.

Minutes from the Elections Committee meeting at the NASS 2023 Winter Conference

Attached are the minutes from the Elections Committee meeting on Feb 16 during the NASS 2023 Winter Conference.

McCormick and Hovland new EAC Chair and Vice Chair

Last Friday, Feb 24, Christy McCormick began her year as Chairwoman of the EAC and Ben Hovland began his term as Vice Chair.

Workelections.org Update for 2023

Attached is a one-pager from workelections.org on their work to recruit poll workers in 2022.

Thanks,
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 10/19, Notes from 10/05 Call with Questions from Vote.gov, USPS Proposed Rate Increases for 2024, Georgetown Webinar on AI & Elections Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 1:26:21 PM
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Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

No Call on Thursday, October 19 – PLEASE SUBMIT COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS FOR WINTER CONFERENCE

I did not receive any discussion topics for this Thursday, so we will not hold an Elections Committee call. Please note that we are collecting topics for future call and for agenda items at the winter conference in February in DC!

Follow up from 10/05 Elections Committee Call with GSA's Vote.gov

Attached are the notes from our 10/05 call with Vote.gov. Below are the questions they submitted for your input. You can either send your responses to me and I will forward or to vote@gsa.gov

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.

- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allow users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form.

- GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.

- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.

USPS Proposes Rate Hike in 2024 – Needs Approval from Postal Regulatory Commission

From USPS - U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

- *New prices scheduled to take effect Jan. 21, 2024*
- *Postal Service prices remain among the most affordable in the world*
- *First-Class Forever stamp will be 68 cents*

United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents

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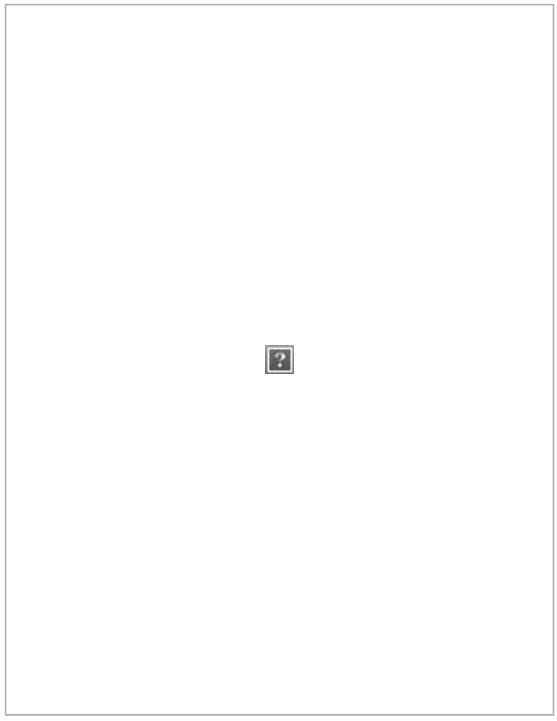
International Postcards	$1.50	$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	$1.50	$1.55

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.arkcase.com/portal/home*. The mailing services filing is Docket No. R2024-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

Nonprofit postage is required to be set at 60% of published USPS Marketing Mail prices. So, Nonprofit postage will see the same percentage increase as USPS Marketing Mail.

Georgetown University Hosts Webinar on AI in Elections on Tuesday, October 17 at 12PM ET



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NASS Elections Committee Webex Meeting
October 5th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds introduced John Yuda, Project Lead at vote.gov, to discuss an upcoming accessibility improvement to the vote.gov website.

Mr. Yuda noted the following in his remarks:

- After the President's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting was issued, GSA received input from the disability rights community regarding challenges that individuals with disabilities have in completing the PDF National Mail Voter Registration Form, particularly for those that rely on screen readers. As a result GSA began developing an online tool for the vote.gov website that incorporates the state specific instructions from the mail registration form, and allows users to complete the form fields online. The tool then generates the completed PDF form, which users will still have to return by mail.
- The tool doesn't make any significant changes to the current application process or instructions, since doing so would require a review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and involve a more lengthy and complicated process.
- The online tool includes links to state online registration websites (where applicable), as well as the state voter registration form, and encourages users to confirm their current voter registration status.
- The online tool presents the user with the state specific eligibility requirements for voter registration, based on the application instructions. In order to proceed with the online form, users are required to check boxes to confirm that they are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old by the election.
- **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether the check boxes should be expanded to include all of the state specific eligibility requirements from the application instructions.**
- Individuals who live in a rural area with no street number, or have no address, would still have to hand-draw their location in the map on the PDF generated form. **GSA is considering using a Google Maps function that would allows users to pin their location coordinates as part of the online tool, and is requesting input from election officials on whether that would work for processing the form**.
- For states that require users to register with a party to participate in primary elections, the user will be presented with a form field to fill in the name of a party. For the affirmation portion of the online form, GSA is working with the EAC counsel to see if there is a way to make that language more clear.
- After the online form is complete, a confirmation page provide users with instructions for printing and mailing the completed form. The instructions for where to mail the form include the state election office address, based on the state specific instructions. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether they would prefer that the online tool include the mailing address for the relevant local election official, and if so, GSA can work with states on the best way to incorporate that address.**
- Currently the online tool will generate the full 27-page PDF with the completed application form and instructions for each state. GSA is considering just having the tool generate a PDF with the completed application form and the basic instructions, in order to reduce the size of the document.

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- For the "Official Use Only" portion of the form generated by the online tool, GSA would like to find a way to include some non-identifying language that would indicate that the form was completed using the online tool in order to help GSA determine whether the effort was a good use of federal funds. **GSA is requesting input from election officials on whether this would create any problems or issues.**

Dave Lang from New Hampshire asked if states have the ability to opt-in to participate in the online tool. Mr. Yuda indicated that states would have to reach out to the EAC on that question.

Emily Cook from Maine noted that mail voter registration applications needs to be received by municipalities in Maine by a specific date, and indicated that it would be helpful for the instructions to include mailing information for the municipalities to ensure that the form arrives in time to be processed. She also indicated that the instructions for Maine had incorrect information, which she reported to the EAC last year, but the incorrect information is still included.

Reynolds asked when the online tool is scheduled to be implemented. Mr. Yuda noted that the implementation date will depend on when GSA completes an information security review, but added that he was hoping it would launch by mid-December.

Reynolds asked if states would have the ability to review a demo version of the tool before it's implemented to ensure that the information for their state is accurate. Mr. Yuda noted that the demo version of the tool currently only includes information for 3 states, but indicated that once the other states are included they can likely provide an opportunity to review the information.

Reynolds asked how election officials should reach out to vote.gov if they have any feedback on the questions Mr. Yuda asked seeking input from election officials. Mr. Yuda noted that they can provide any input to vote@gsa.gov.

Reynolds asked if GSA is planning any other updates to vote.gov in the near future. Mr. Yuda indicated they are working on some improvements to the back-end framework of the site, but other than that they don't have any significant changes to share at this point.

Reynolds noted that the President's Executive Order required federal agencies to develop plans for assisting voters that utilize the agency's services, and asked if a lot of the agencies are planning to link to vote.gov as part of those efforts. Mr. Yuda indicated that they have seen a lot of federal agencies doing that.

Reynolds noted that the next Elections Committee call is scheduled for October 19th. She noted that there are currently no presenters scheduled for the call, and asked members to let her know by October 13th if they have any suggested topics that they would like to discuss on that call. If not, then she would likely cancel the call for the 19th.

The call ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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Subject: Joint GCC Executive Committee Statement: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:47:17 PM

CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Election Security Exercise

For Immediate Release
Aug. 17, 2023

Washington, D.C. — The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) hosted the nation's largest annual election security exercise this week in close coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The exercise took place over three days, from August 15 through 17, and included a range of hypothetical scenarios affecting election operations. The annual exercise gives participants the opportunity to share practices around cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

Following the exercise, CISA Director Jen Easterly, and the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee, which includes U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairwoman Christy McCormick, NASS President and Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, NASED President and Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State and Director of Administration Rob Rock, and City of Colorado Springs (Colorado) City Clerk Sarah Ball Johnson issued the following joint statement:

"The federal government and election officials remain unified in ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's democratic processes, especially as we look toward the 2023 and 2024 elections. Today's threat environment is increasingly dynamic and complex, and we continue working closely together. This includes the sharing of information and intelligence through multiple channels, promoting rigorous safeguarding of equipment and systems, ongoing assessments to identify risks and vulnerabilities, and participating in exercises like *Tabletop the Vote*.

"Elections are run by thousands of dedicated state and local election officials across the country. It is because of the incredible work of so many that the American people can have confidence in the security of our nation's elections."

In addition to CISA, federal participants included the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, the National Guard Bureau, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. State and local election officials participated virtually. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and CISA Director Jen Easterly each provided remarks to exercise participants.

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Subject: Guest Invitations: MAGA Events in Ankeny, Boone, Sioux City, and Keokuk, IA
Date: Friday, December 29, 2023 8:38:16 PM

Team Trump Iowa Campaign Events featuring Eric Trump, Governor Kristi Noem, Representative Marjorie Taylor-Greene, Roseanne Bar and Matt WhitakerÂ

ANKENY, IAÂ

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Eric Trump Team Trump Rally in AnkenyÂ

Thursday,â ¯January 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM,â ¯CSTÂ

FFA Enrichment Center

1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway

Ankeny,â ¯IAâ ¯50023

REGISTER HERE

SIOUX CITY, IA

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Governor Kristi Noem Team Trump Rally in Sioux CityÂ

Wednesday,â ¯January 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM,â ¯CSTÂ

County Celebrations Center

5606 Hamilton Boulevard,

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Sioux City, IA 51108

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KEOKUK, IAÂ

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Rep. Marjorie Taylor-Greene Team Trump Rally in Keokuk

Thursday,â ¯January 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM,â ¯CSTÂ

The Hidden Tower

2416 340thâ ¯Street,

Keokuk,â ¯IAâ ¯52632

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Boone, IAÂ

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Roseanne Barr and Matt Whitaker Team Trump Rally in BooneÂ

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM CST

MJ's Venue

1805 Mamie Eisenhower Avenue

Boone, IA 50036

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Join President Trump in SIOUX CITY, IA
Saturday, January 13, 2024
6:00 PM CST
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Orpheum TheatreÂ
528 Pierce StreetÂ
Sioux City, IA 51101

Doors Open:Â 3:00 PM CST
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Chuck - we look forward to having you join us!Â
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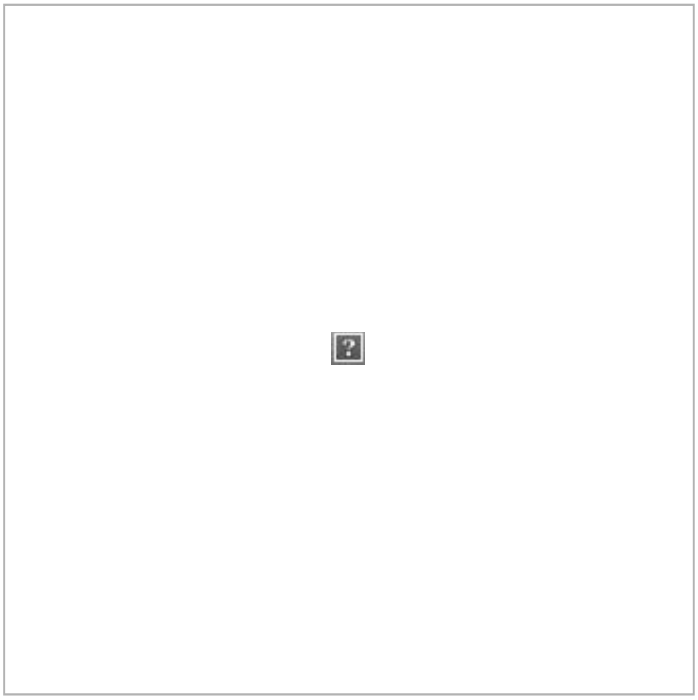

President Donald J. Trump to Deliver Remarks at Commit to Caucus Rally in Atlantic, Iowa

Date and Time

Saturday, January 13, 2024
2:00 PM CST

Venue

Cass Community Center
805 West 10th Street
Atlantic, IA 50022

Timeline of Events

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11:00 AM â Doors Open and Commitment Kick Off
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2:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers

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Remarks

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Saturday, January 13, 2024
6:00 PM CST
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Orpheum TheatreÂ
528 Pierce StreetÂ
Sioux City, IA 51101

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Chuck - we look forward to having you join us!Â
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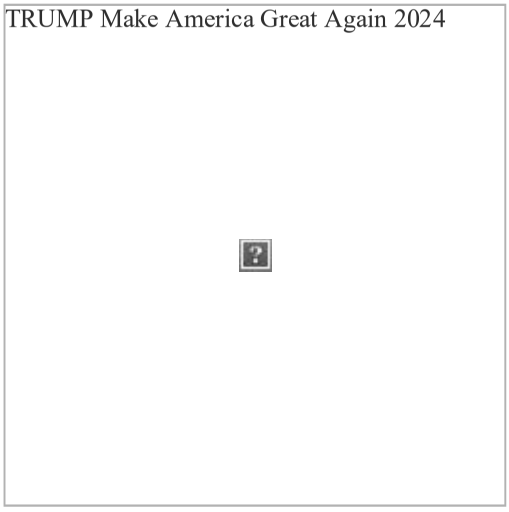

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President Donald J. Trump to Deliver Remarks at Commit to Caucus Rally in Reno, Nevada

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President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will deliver remarks to a Team Trump Nevada Commit to Caucus Event in Reno, Nevada on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM PST.

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Date and Time

Sunday, December 17, 2023
2:00PM PST

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Venue

Reno Sparks Convention Center
4590 S. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89502

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Timeline of Events

11:00 AM â Doors Open and Commitment Kick Off
2:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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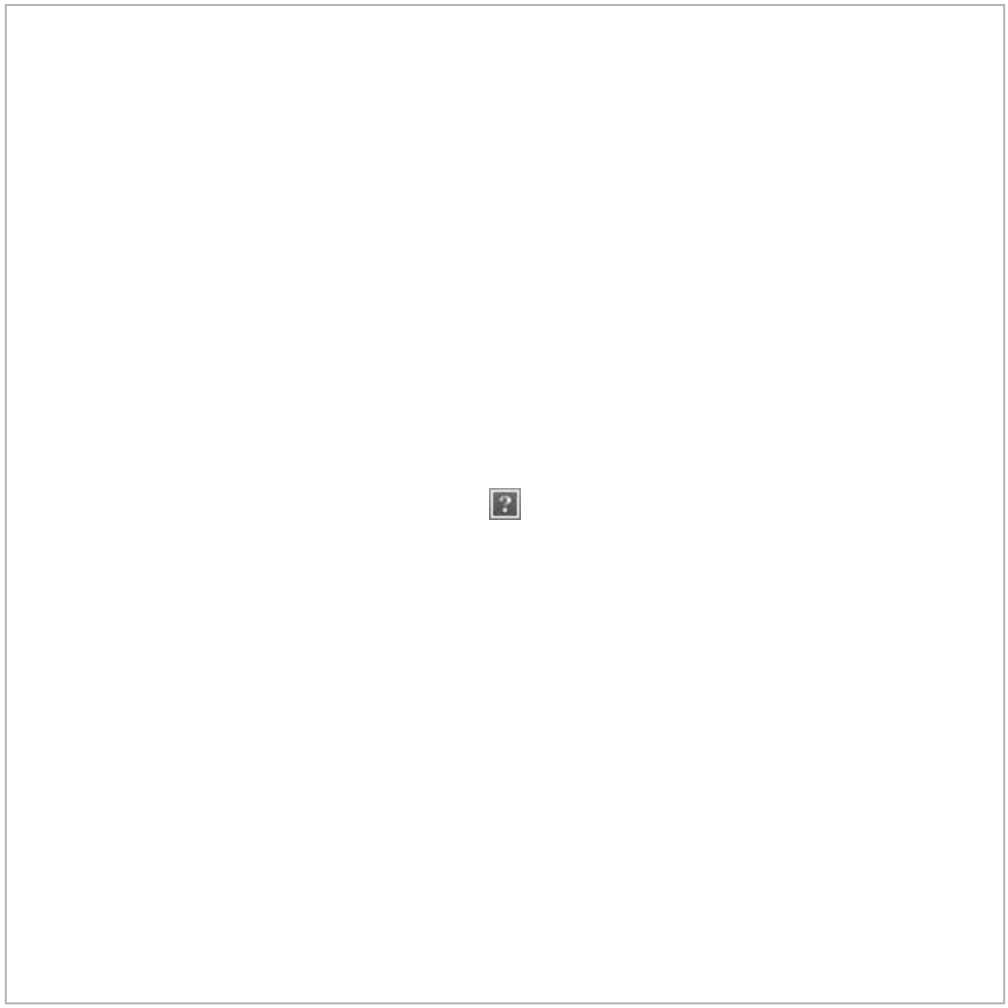

Patriot,

On January 20, 2025, I will place my hand upon the Bible and take the Oath of Office as I am inaugurated as your 47th President of the United States.

I will thank God for granting us the strength to prevail against the most vicious witch hunts ever conceived.

But I will also remember to thank a very special group of patriotsâ ¦

â ¦You see, as I make my way through the crowd and wave to our many, many supporters, I will quickly be able to identify who has been with me *since this pivotal moment right now* when they show me their 2024 Campaign Membership Card *specially printed with an early renewal of 2023*.

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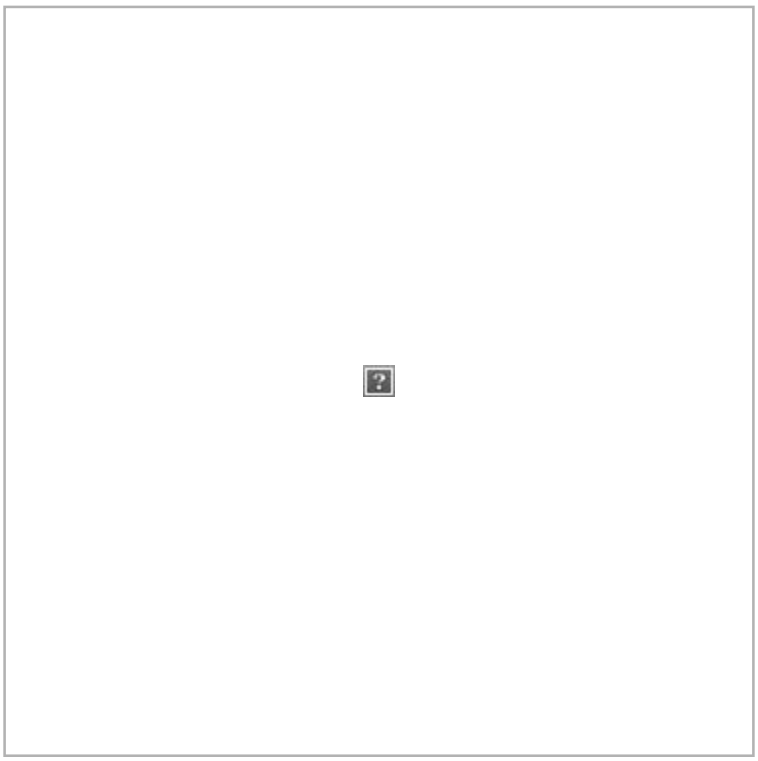

RENEW TODAY â ï¸

Iâ ll know that YOU peacefully defended our movement as Democrats tried to remove my name from the ballot and disenfranchise a majority of American voters before the 2024 election even began.

Our victory will be thanks to YOU. In fact, it will be thanks to you that my name could even *appear* on the ballot.

With you peacefully standing by my side, we will cast off the political ruling class that hates our country, we will DISMANTLE the Deep State, we will rout the warmongers and globalists from our government, and above all else, we will MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN by firing the most corrupt and incompetent president to ever occupy the White House â Crooked Joe Biden!

But, as of the most recent report my team pulled for me this morning, I didnâ t see your name on the roster of early renewals:

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Member: chuck.gray@wyo.gov

OFFER: *Early* Renewal (2023-2024)

STATUS: PENDING

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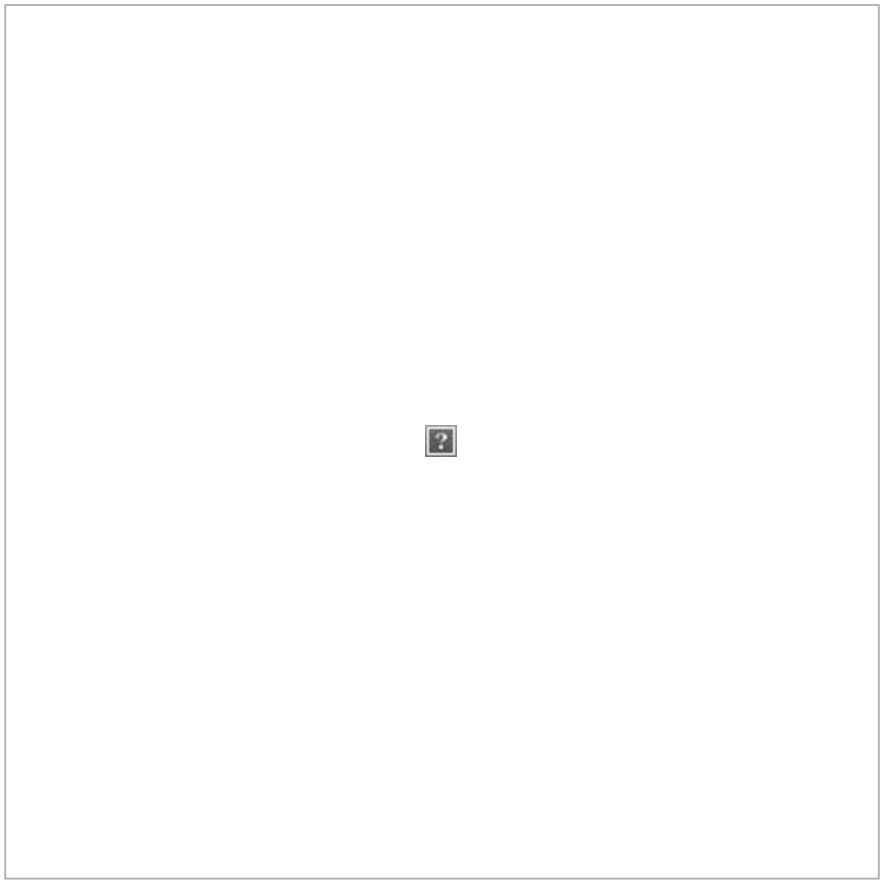

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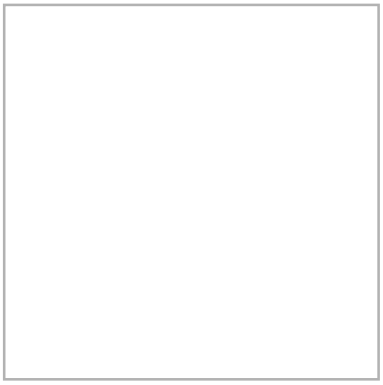

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From: contact@join.djtfp24.com
To: chuck.gray@wyo.gov
Subject: Come to the Iowa Caucus Commitment Event in Waterloo, IA with President Trump
Date: Tuesday, December 05, 2023 7:45:33 PM

45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump to Deliver Remarks at Team Trump Iowa Commit to Caucus Event in Waterloo, Iowa

President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will deliver remarks to a Team Trump Iowa Commit to Caucus Event in Waterloo, Iowa on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00PM CST.

Date and Time
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
6:00 PM CSTÂ

Venue
Waterloo Convention Center
200 W. 4th Street
Waterloo, IA 50701

Timeline of Events
3:00 PM â Doors Open and Commitment Kick OffÂ
6:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers

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From: contact@join.djtfp24.com
To: chuck.gray@wyo.gov
Subject: Join President Donald J. Trump for a Rally in Durham, NH
Date: Monday, December 04, 2023 6:42:20 PM

45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump to Hold a Rally in Durham, New Hampshire

President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will hold a rally in Durham, New Hampshire on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM EST.

Date and Time
Saturday, December 16, 2023
2:00 PM ESTÂ

Venue
Whitmore Center Arena
128 Main Street
Durham, NH 03824

Timeline of Events
11:00 AM â Doors Open
1:00 PM â Program Begins
2:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:46:30 AM

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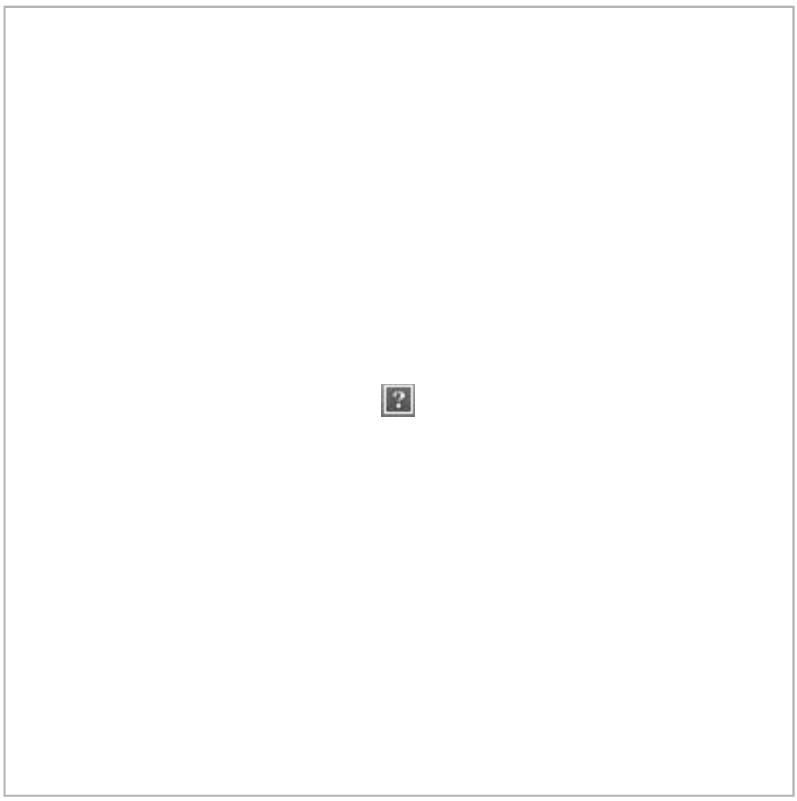

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Donald Trump needs your support to win the caucuses, primaries, and beyond.Â You have an exclusive opportunity to make calls for the Trump 2024 campaign from wheresoever you choose, on any phone, tablet, or computer.

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Thank you,
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From: contact@join.djtfp24.com
To: chuck.gray@wyo.gov
Subject: Invite: President Donald J. Trump in Coralville, IA
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:32:50 PM

President Donald J. Trump to Rally with Team Trump Iowa at a Commit to Caucus Event in Coralville, Iowa

President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will host a Commit to Caucus Event in Coralville, Iowa on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:00PM CST.

Date and Time

Saturday, December 13, 2023
6:00 PM CSTÂ

Venue

Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center
300 E 9th Street
Coralville, IA 52241

Timeline of Events

3:00 PM â Doors Open and Commitment Kick OffÂ
6:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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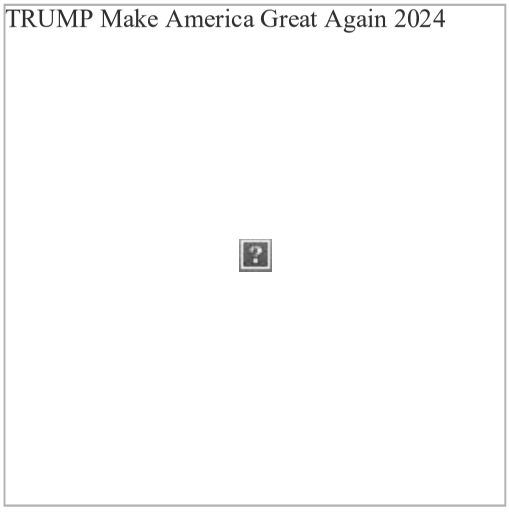
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: Join Donald J. Trump in Las Vegas for a Commit to Caucus event
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:53:37 AM



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45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump to Deliver Remarks at Team Trump Nevada Commit to Caucus Event

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President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will deliver remarks to a Team Trump Nevada Commit to Caucus Event in Henderson, Nevada on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 6:00PM PDT.

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Date and Time

Saturday, October 28, 2023
6:00PM EDT

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Venue

Stoneyâ s Rockinâ Country
6611 Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89110

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Timeline of Events

3:00 PM â Doors Open
6:00PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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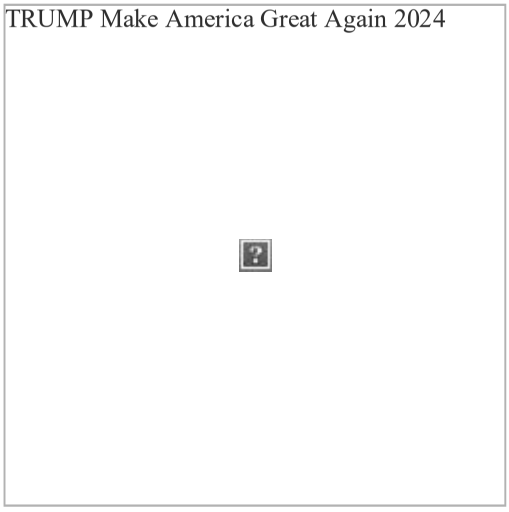

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45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump to Deliver Remarks in Houston, Texas

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President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will deliver remarks in Houston, Texas on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 4:00 PM CDT.

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Date and Time

Wednesday, November 2, 2023

4:00 PM CDT

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Venue

Trendsetter Engineering, Inc.

10430 Rodgers Rd

Houston, TX 77070

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Timeline of Events

1:00 PM â Doors Open

3:00 PM â Program Begins

4:00 PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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To: Chuck Gray
Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT: President Donald J. Trump in Hialeah, FL
Date: Friday, October 20, 2023 12:47:47 PM

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45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump to Hold a Rally in Hialeah, Florida

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President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will hold a rally on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023, in Hialeah, FL.

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Date and Time

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

7:00PM EDT

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Venue

Ted Hendricks Stadium at Henry Milander Park

4800 Palm Avenue

Hialeah, FL 33012

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Timeline of Events

8:00AM â Parking and Line Opens

2:00PM â Doors Open

5:00PM â Special Guest Speakers Deliver Remarks

7:00PM â 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump Delivers Remarks

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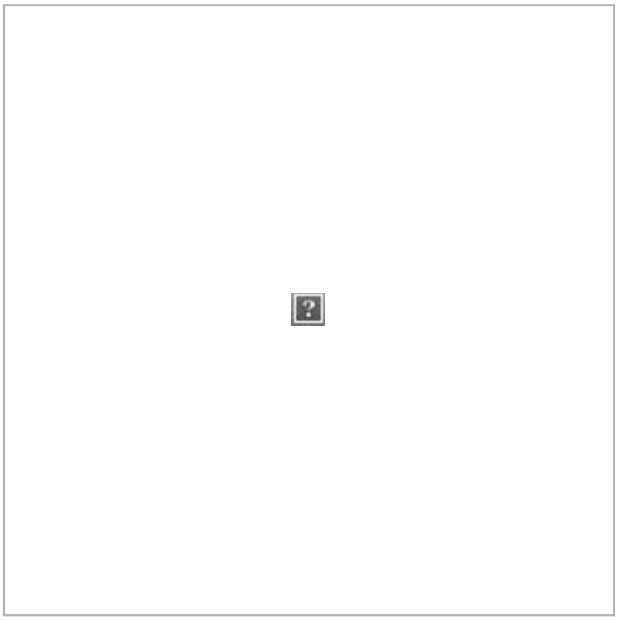
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: ANNOUNCING: WOMEN FOR TRUMP!
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 2:08:25 PM



Hello!

Team Trump is excited to announce the official launch of **WOMEN FOR TRUMP!** As the first presidential candidate to pledge to defend the dignity of women, President Trump is proud to launch a coalition that affirms the ultimate truth: women are exclusively FEMALE. Â
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Women are an essential part of Americaâ s political, economic, and social fabric. American women are business leaders, homemakers, caregivers, and mothers. Our countryâ s exceptional daughters and sisters are tomorrowâ s doctors, teachers, and trailblazers. We cherish the courageous women who protect our communities as first responders and fiercely defend our freedom at home and abroad in our Armed Forces. Â Â

Join the WOMEN FOR TRUMP Coalition HERE!

President Donald J. Trump established his legacy as a fearless champion of women. His Administration was the first to develop a Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security, directly investing in women as leaders with the goal of preventing and resolving conflicts globally. President Trump believes nations that empower women

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are wealthier, safer, and more politically stable. As 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump made incredible strides to bring womenâ s unemployment to its lowest rate in nearly 70 years and fought for $200 million in annual discretionary grants to promote women in STEM. Â Â
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The Trump Administration will take historic action to reassert the integrity of our healthcare system and will advocate for strict protections to deter minors from receiving â gender affirmingâ healthcare â counselingâ . Unlike other candidates, President Trump is resolute in his defense of biological females in womenâ s sports, vowing to prioritize women in fields where they have fought to achieve equality. Â
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As your 47th President, Donald J. Trump will restore freedom of choice to your schools, freedom of speech and religion to your communities, and transparency to our government. President Trumpâ s commitment to Make America Great Again depends on your voice, and the current state of our Nation proves that we need your help more than ever! Â Â
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In case you missed it, this past weekend President Trump spoke at the **Concerned Women for America Summit** after signing the **Presidental Promise to Women** earlier this summer. President Trump is fighting to protect the unique dignity of women to be recognized in U.S. law and policy.Â
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As a Women for Trump Coalition member, you will work with incredible women to secure the blessings of safety, prosperity, and peace for generations to come. Women for Trump is crucial to re-electing President Trump, and there are exciting opportunities to get involved, including:

- Canvassing, phone banking, and door-knocking with fellow women
- Attending virtual and in-person meetings Â
- Taking part in policy briefings and focus groups Â
- Joining President Trump at live events Â
- And much more! Â

In the coming weeks, the campaign will host a **WOMEN FOR TRUMP** Coalition Kick-Off Call with a very special guest! On the call, Team Trump will share more about how you can get involved across the country and in your community! Â Â
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Feel free to share the below graphics to let everyone know you have joined **WOMEN FOR TRUMP**!

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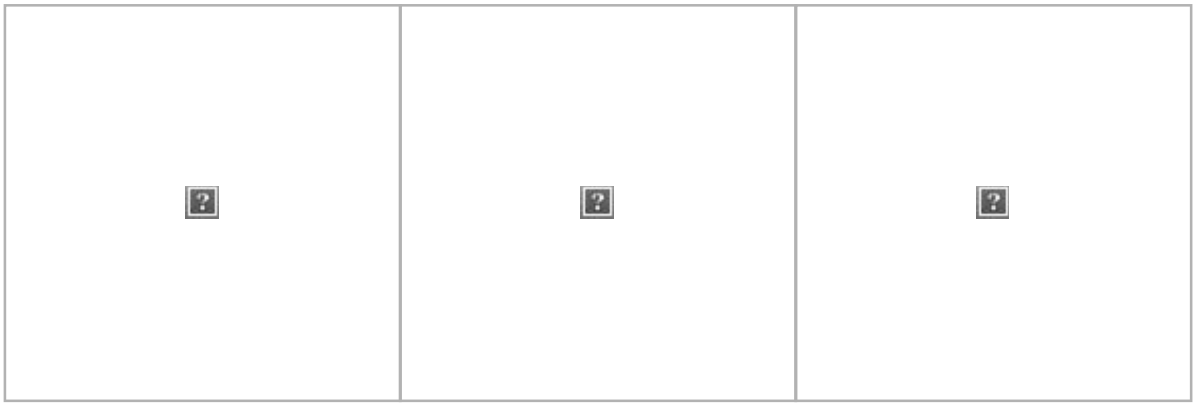

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From: Brette&Lucy@m.djtfp24.com
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: OFFICIAL LAUNCH – Join Parents for Trump!
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:00:55 AM

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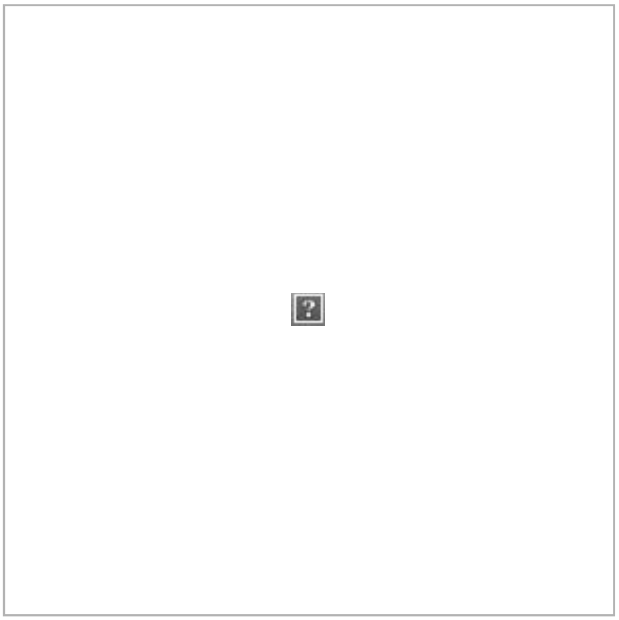

Hello Chuck!
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We are thrilled to announce that the Donald J. Trump for President, 2024 Campaign just launched **PARENTS FOR TRUMP**!Â
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Parents for Trumpâ s mission is to build local communities under the common principles found in Trumpâ s America: the protection of parental rights, the safeguarding of family values, and the assurance that our children will inherit an economically prosperous nation.

Join the Parents for Trump Coalition HERE.Â

President Donald J. Trump remained steadfast in his support for parents across the United States, championing the rights of mothers, fathers, guardians, and caretakers during his Administration. As your 47th President, he will ensure our families remain the foundation of a strong and stable nation.
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As the only Presidential Candidate with a substantive plan to **Make Schools Great Again**, Donald J. Trump will abolish teacher tenure and adopt merit-

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based pay to reward good teachers. The Trump Administration promises to cut federal funding to programs teaching inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content to children. Parents for Trump proudly restores power to American families and reaffirms the Presidentâ s trust in mothers, fathers, and guardians to make the best educational choices for their children.Â
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As a member of the Parents for Trump Coalition, you will join thousands of other parents to advise the campaign on issues most important to parents, and support President Trumpâ s re-election through exciting opportunities to get involved, including: Â Â

- Canvassing, phone banking, and door knocking with fellow parents
- Attending virtual and in-person meetings
- Taking part in policy briefings and focus groups
- Joining President Trump at live events
- And much more!Â

In the coming weeks, the campaign will host a **PARENTS FOR TRUMP** Coalition Kick Off Call with a very special guest! On the call, Team Trump will share more about how you can get involved across the country and in your community! Â
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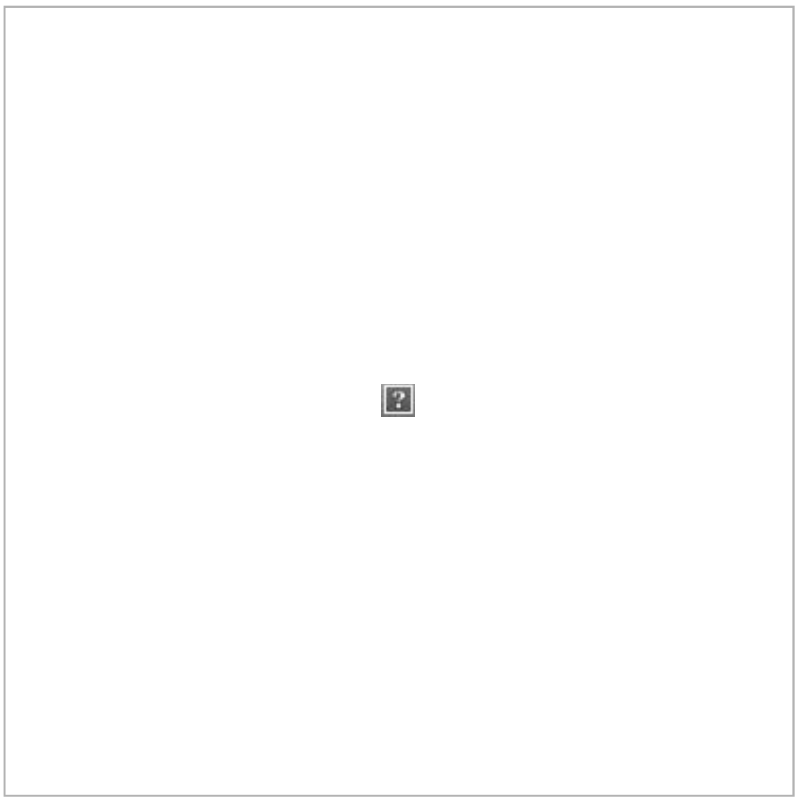
From: Brette&Lucy@m.djtfp24.com
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: ACTION NEEDED: Get Involved with Team Trump!
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:48:38 AM



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Many of you have been asking how you can get involved and help with the 2024 campaign!Â We are excited to share an exciting new opportunity to help the Official Presidential Campaign for Donald J. Trump. We need your help with this exclusive invitation to help us test Trump Talk 2024.

As part of the Trump Talk VIP group, you will be the **FIRST** Trump supporters to join our Beta test for Trump Talk 2024. Your feedback will be crucial as we launch this across the country so supporters like you can help get President Trump elected from your own homes!
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your registration by clicking here.Â

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If you have friends or family interested in getting involved too, please feel free to share the link to get signed up!Â

Thank you,

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Brette and Lucy

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From: cynthia.valdez@wyo.gov on behalf of SOS Sec. of State <secofstate@wyo.gov>
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: Fwd: My Visit to the DC Gulag
Date: Monday, May 22, 2023 11:54:05 AM

FYI...
Thanks!

Wyoming Secretary of State's Office
Executive Assistant:
Cynthia Valdez (307) 777-5333
Email: SccOfState@wyo.gov
Website: sos.wyo.gov

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Matt Braynard** <matt@lookaheadamerica.org>
Date: Mon, May 22, 2023 at 11:46â ¯AM
Subject: My VisitÂ to the DC Gulag
To: Hamza Swineford <secofstate@wyo.gov>

Dear Patriot,

My VisitÂ to the DC Gulag

Watch my video outside the DC Gulag after visiting with William Chrestman and Jake Lang.Â https://youtu.be/cb_0vMfQLLA

To learn how you can visit or otherwise show support for the J6 Political Prisoners, please contact julie@lookaheadamerica.org.

Jobs for #J6

Look Ahead America has advocated for the political prisoners of January 6th with rallies, candlelight vigils, and our Political Prisoner Podcast.

â Jobs for #J6â serves as a connection for employers able to employ those seeking work whoâ ve lost their livelihoodsâ not for what they have done but for what they believe.

If you are a Political Prisoner of #J6 or able to offer employment to one, please go to https://lookaheadamerica.org/jobsforj6/ to join our movement to help them rebuild their lives.

May Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

On Wednesday, May 31st, we will host another Community Organizer Training Webinar at 7 PM Eastern / 4 PM Pacific. If you registered for the April webinar, you'll receive the link to attend May's training.

Registration is limited to the first 100 people and as a supporter of our organization, we invite you to attend for only $50. Please schedule up to three hours; time varies depending on the number of participants. You must register in advance and attend the full webinar in order to earn the Community Organizer - Basic Certification.

Please register here:Â https://lookaheadamerica.org/bcot/.

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- May 28Â - PlatoonÂ

Guilded video tutorialÂ https://youtu.be/hTrP6YQBq1c

Monday Book Nights

Join us on Monday'sÂ Online Book Club Voice Channel, 5:30 PM Pacific / 8:30 PM EasternÂ http://guilded.gg/Look-Ahead-America

"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" by Philip K. Dick.
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First published in 1968, the novel is set in a post-apocalyptic San Francisco, where Earth's life has been greatly damaged by a nuclear global war, leaving most animal species endangered or extinct.

- May 22 - Introduction
- May 29 - Chapters 1-7
- June 5 - Chapters 8-15
- June 12 - Chapters 16-22

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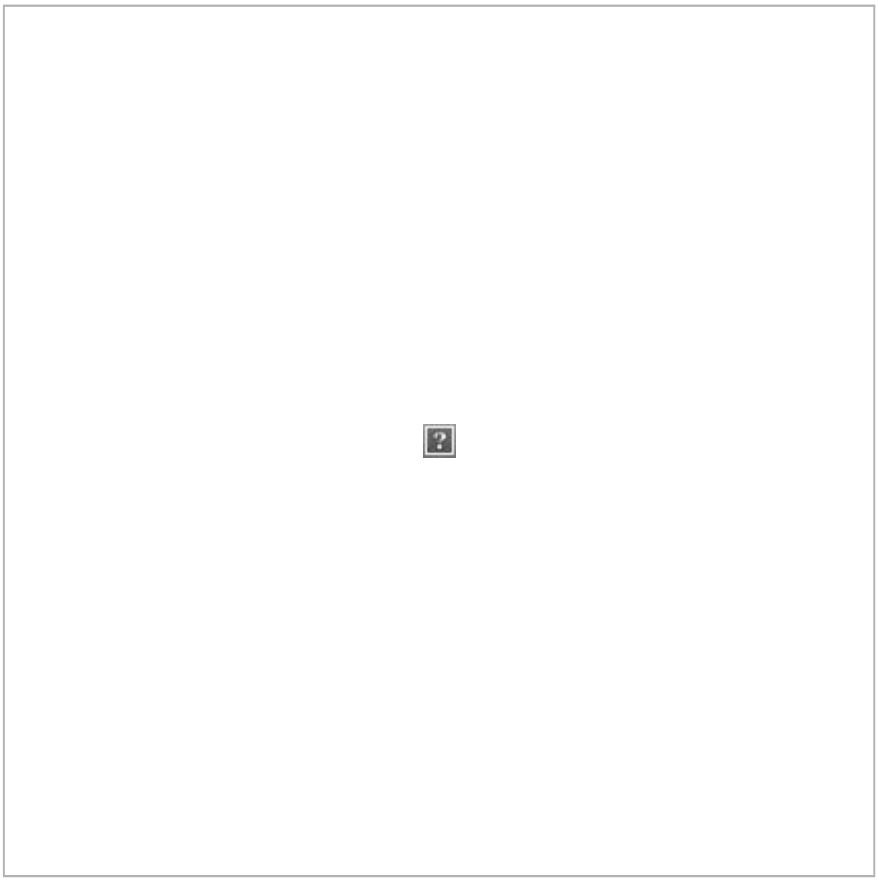
To: Chuck
Subject: DeSantis Is Burning Through Cash Just To Slide Further In the Polls
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2023 4:07:19 PM



MEMORANDUM

TO: Â Supporters and America First Conservatives
FROM:Â Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles, Donald J. Trump for President
DATE: May 4th, 2023
RE: DeSantis Is Burning Through Cash Just To Slide Further In the Polls

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In the last three weeks, polling from a variety of sources, each having a slightly different way of asking the head-to-head ballot question, have each shown the same troubling trend for Ron DeSantis: the complete collapse of his position in the GOP nomination for President, as well as his ability to defeat Joe Biden.

President Trump continues to grow his lead as more and more Americans from across the country are joining his effort to Make America Great Again. Voters recognize there is only one person who, ON DAY ONE, can fix the economy,

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secure our borders, restore respect for our country on the world stage, and deter the menacing threat that is China.

Recent national polling gives President Trump his widest margin yet over Ron DeSantis, trouncing DeSantis by 36 and 34 points according to **CBS News** and **Morning Consult**. **Emerson** finds Trump beating DeSantis 62% to 16%, a 16-point swing towards Trump since February. **Fox News** shows Trump dominating DeSantis by 32 percent. Â In the general election, **Rasmussen** shows President Trump with a commanding 7-point lead over Joe Biden â 48 to 41 percent and the most recent **Harvard/Harris Poll** has President Trump besting Joe Biden by 5.

Why should this trend be troubling for Team DeSantis and his affiliated Super PACs?

Because since April 11th - Â *Never Back Down* - Â the primary DeSantis Super PAC has spent:

- Over $1 million on TV in Iowa
- Nearly $1 million on TV in New Hampshire
- Over $1.3 million on TV in South Carolina
- Over $500,000 on TV in Nevada
- Over $3.5 million on a national network cable buy

In total, *Never Back Down* has spent more than $7.2 million in TV ads over the last three weeks.

The $7.2 million doesnâ t include thousands of pieces of voter contact mail, sent to GOP primary voters in multiple states â including an 8 page â novelâ â where the postage costs alone are hundreds of thousands of dollars!

The PAC has sent thousands of texts, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in digital advertising in just a few states as well as ordering campaign swag that could fill the vacuum of leadership the Governor left in Florida while campaigning (horribly) overseas in Europe.

So, stated directly, what you are witnessing is a fleecing on an epic scale. Tens of millions of donor dollars spent, while poll numbersâ ¦ drop.

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To: Hamza Swineford <secofstatc@wyo.gov>

Dear Patriot,

LAA Releases Updated May 2023 Legislative Report Card

We released a follow up to our 2023 legislative report card. The report evaluates state bills that reflect six election integrity objectives.

As state legislatures wrap up their sessions, we cannot overstate the importance of introducing and passing election integrity bills in time for the 2024 Primaries and General Election in the next session. If you donâ t see your state on here or are unimpressed with your state, please contact us to help get you in touch with your legislators on these items or sign up for our training webinar tomorrow to learn how you can make a difference.

To read the full report, visitÂ https://lookaheadamerica.org/May2023Report. Press releaseÂ https://lookaheadamerica.org/may2023reportpr/Â *(also attached)*.

Data, reports, filing complaints, postage, and research cost money. Please support our election integrity workÂ atÂ https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Donate.

LAAâ s six election integrity objectives, visitÂ https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

TOMORROW! May Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

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"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" by Philip K. Dick.
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First published in 1968, the novel is set in a post-apocalyptic San Francisco, where Earth's life has been greatly damaged by a nuclear global war, leaving most animal species endangered or extinct.

- June 5 - Chapters 8-15
- June 12 - Chapters 16-22

In the News

Why Do Pennsylvaniaâ s County and State 2020 Election Data Not Match?

On May 3, the Research Group of the non-profit, non-partisan organization Look Ahead America (LAA) published aÂ reportÂ revealing discrepancies between Pennsylvaniaâ s county- and state-level 2020 election results which thus far have not been reconciled, explained, nor even widely disseminated to the public.

https://www.thepostemail.com/2023/05/26/why-do-pennsylvanias-county-and-state-2020-election-data-not-match/

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Dear Patriot,

INC '23 Austin

I was invite to participatre in an Election Systems Reform panel in Austin, TX at INC23 (Independent National Convention 2023) on April 4. *Event photos attached*.

One of our star volunteersÂ Denise Bolognese was recognized for introducing an open source voting senate bill in New Jersey, as well as many others who are leading the grassroots charge. We will provide the video when it is made available. More information about this event can be found at https://www.inc23.us/event.

New Political Prisoner Podcast

Clean Record. Not charged with violence.Â William Chrestman has been held in the DC Gulag for two years and still has no trial date.

His mother joins us for our latest Political Prisoner Podcast.

Listen here https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/CI0WYUuEZyb.

Support him at https://www.givesendgo.com/j6dad.

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Non-Profitâ s Investigation Leads to Conviction in Double-Voting Case

In LAAâ s short history, it has uncovered ample evidence of both illegal voting in various forms as well asÂ disprovingÂ election fraud allegations in a curious Wisconsin case. The organization utilizes a number of publicly-available tools such as the National Change of Address (NCOA) list published by the U.S. Postal Service; DMV records; the resourceÂ voteref.com, and other sources to search for potential voting irregularities.

In addition to the conviction in Bradley County, LAA currently has open investigations with case numbers in Arizona, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia and North Carolina.

https://www.thepostemail.com/2023/04/26/non-profits-investigation-leads-to-conviction-in-double-voting-case/

Look Ahead America Slams Senate Elections Package

Conservative advocacy group Look Ahead America is coming out in opposition to a wide-ranging elections package (SB 7050) being pushed by Senate Republicans. LAA, which works to register voters, said the bill âtakes power away from the Office of Election Crimes and Securityâ and would undermine the strength of election crime cases. âIf FL SB 7050 were in place in 2021, then I would not have been able to send the Florida clerks vital information that led to the conviction ofÂ Emily Jessop BowersÂ on three counts of double voting. On its face, this bill is undemocratic as it undermines the power of American and Floridian citizens to restore election integrity,â said LAA Director of ResearchÂ Ian Camacho.

https://floridapolitics.com/archives/606053-sunburn-the-morning-read-of-whats-hot-in-florida-politics-4-25-23/

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Elections Ctte Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET, House Approps Subctte Approves Financial Serv and General Gov FY2024 Approps bill, Register for TTX
Date:	Wednesday, June 28, 2023 1:07:25 PM
Attachments:	NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 6 29 23 draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx TTV2023 State Registration Form.xlsx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET – Calendar Info Attached

Please don't forget to join our call tomorrow at 2:30PM ET. We will review the NASS Resolution Urging National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates. NASS staff has revised the resolution, with approval from the Elections Committee Co-Chairs, and the revised version (attached) will be reviewed on the call tomorrow.

We will also hear from two states on poll worker recruitment efforts – NH and NE. **I am still looking for a state to address how they share poll worker info collected on the Secretary's website with local jurisdictions.**

House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee Passes FY2024 Approps Bill – Up Next Full Approps Committee and House Floor

Before the House left last week for their District Work Session, the House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee passed their FY2024 bill. There are some items of interest.

First, the EAC operating budget has been reduced by $8 million and there are no election security funds available for states.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES- For necessary expenses to carry out the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–252), $20,000,000, of which $1,500,000 shall be made available to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for election reform activities authorized under the Help America Vote 12 Act of 2002.

Second, federal agencies identified in the March 2021 Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting will not be able to use funds appropriated in FY2024 for these activities, with the exception of Sec. 7- Ensuring Equal Access for Voters with Disabilities, Sec. 8 – Ensuring Access to Voting for Active Duty Military and Overseas Citizens, and Sec. 10 – Establishing a Native American Voting Rights Steering Group.

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SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. 4 Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order.

Please note that the bill now moves to the full Appropriations Committee for a vote and then on to the House floor. The Senate has not really begun their appropriations process yet.

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New EAC Website

I just went on the EAC website to look for something and they have launched their new website.

House Admin Full Committee Field Hearing in Atlanta, GA on July 10th at 2:30PM ET: The Path to Election Integrity Across America

On **Monday, July 10 2023, at 2:30 p.m. ET**, the Committee on House Administration will hold a full committee field hearing titled, "American Confidence in Elections: The Path to Election Integrity Across America." The hearing will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Don't Forget to Register for the National Tabletop the Vote for August 15, 16 and 17 – Registration Form Attached

Please join us for *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise*, sponsored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The purpose of this exercise is to identify best practices and areas for improvement in election planning, identification, response, and recovery.

Please think about the people you communicate with before, during and after Election Day – state staff (elections, comms, IT, legal) local election officials, law enforcement, fusion center, emergency managers, election vendors, etc. to include when you register. Many of you will want to bring everyone possible into the same room, others will utilize Webex links for participants.

Exercise Details:

Dates: August 15, 16, and 17, 2023

- The exercise repeats with the same scenario on each of the three days. There is no need to participate every day. States/territories may participate on more than one day and are welcome to include different participants each day.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET
Format: Plenary and Breakout sessions
Virtual Platform: Webex
Attendance Limits:

- **States**: Each state has up to 18 connections per day
- **D.C. and U.S. Territories**: Up to 5 connections per day
- **Connections are** a single login to Webex. This could be one individual accessing the Webex platform remotely or an individual accessing the Webex platform from a conference room where more attendees are gathered.

Registration Instructions:

1. Each state or territorial election office completes the attached Tabletop the Vote 2023 Registration spreadsheet by compiling all registrants for the state or territory and **returns it to CISA at TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov, by July 31, 2023. Please note this is a firm deadline due to limitations with the Webex platform.**
    a. The election office must select the day(s) participants will attend. Be sure to include yourselves on the spreadsheet if you will attend.

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b. Identify a Primary Point of Contact (POC), a facilitator (who will guide discussion in your breakout room each participating day), participants, and observers. Please consider including local election officials, relevant private sector, federal government, and state/territorial/local government partners, such as IT and election vendors, CISA and FBI regional staff, state/local emergency management personnel, state/territorial/local IT personnel, state/territorial/local law enforcement personnel, and state National Guard personnel as participants. Examples of observers include state legislators, county commissioners, or other organizations who provide election resources at the state/territory and local level.
c. Each state is initially permitted 18 connections per day. Each territory and D.C. is initially permitted 5 connections per day. Please do not exceed this number. Please indicate in the spreadsheet which individuals require a Webex connection.
d. If you wish to include more than the allotted 18 connections per state or 5 per territory and D.C. should they become available, please tell us in the body of the email with your registration spreadsheet. CISA will follow-up after the initial registration period if additional connections are available.
e. **Please be aware that this is a closed-press event. No real-world media personnel should be invited to attend the exercise.**

2. The person submitting the RSVP will receive an email confirming receipt. POCs, facilitators, participants, and observers will be sent an email with the Webex link for the day they are registered no later than August 4, 2023.

Registrants will be provided technical instructions and exercise reference materials closer to the exercise.

Should you have any questions, please email TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov . We look forward to having you participate in the sixth annual *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise.*

Thanks,
Leslie

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NASS
National Association of Secretaries of State

Resolution Urging the National Political Parties to Set Early Nominating Convention Dates

WHEREAS, the nation's Chief Election Official Secretaries of State and Lt. Governors have spent many years working with the major political parties to increase awareness around election administration issues and laws in setting national convention dates;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has in previous years sent letters to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Republican National Committee (RNC), noting that late timing of nominating conventions can hinder the ability of election officials to meet administrative deadlines set by state statute and federal law, leaving ballot certification and voting processes susceptible to delays.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASS hereby encourages the RNC, the DNC and other major national parties to set national convention dates for all presidential election cycles during the mid-June to mid-August timeframe to better ensure the timely certification, preparation, and mailing of absentee ballots to the nation's more than six million military and overseas citizens in accordance with federal law (the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASS members who serve as Chief State Election Officials shall seek to promote this resolution with their state party leaders.

Adopted the 16th day of July, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA
Originally Adopted July 2013; Amended and Reauthorized July 2018

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To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 6/29 Call, CISA Announces Cait Conley Will Take Over for Wyman, Proposed Revision to NASS Resolution
Date:	Friday, June 30, 2023 11:40:21 AM
Attachments:	notes-elections-062923.docx draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Notes from 6/29 Call

Attached you will find the notes from our call yesterday. Thanks for all who joined!

CISA Announces Kim Wymanâ s Departure and the Expansion of Cait Conleyâ s Portfolio

CISA announced today that Kim Wyman will be leaving for the private sector at the end of July and that Cait Conley will take over her role as liaison with the election community. Some of you who have been around for awhile might remember Cait. She was at Harvardâs Belfer Center helping us to do the first tabletop exercises, she has run a Turning Election Staff into Battle Staff workshop at a previous NASS conference and she has more energy than anyone I have ever met

From CISA:

WASHINGTON â Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Jen Easterly announced today that Cait Conley, Senior Advisor to the Director, will take on additional responsibilities supporting CISAâ s election security efforts. Conley will spearhead CISAâ s partnership engagement and coordination efforts with election officials across the nation as they continue to serve as the frontline defenders of election infrastructure.

â Our work to support election officials across the nation remains one of CISAâ s highest priorities. Cait is a dedicated public servant and combat-tested U.S. Army veteran with extensive operational and leadership experience working top national security priorities, including cybersecurity and counterterrorism. This experience, combined with her work leading the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, make her ideally suited to help those state and local officials carrying out elections in every community in America. Iâ m thrilled to have her take on this responsibility,â **said CISA Director Easterly**. â I want to thank Kim Wyman, who will be departing CISA at the end of July for an opportunity in a private sector. Kim has been an invaluable Senior Election Security Lead over the past year and a half, strengthening our partnerships across the election community and maturing our operations. Iâ m pleased that she will remain as an informal advisor and friend to Team CISA, as well as a critical partner in the broader election security community.â

â It has been an honor to lead CISAâ s election security efforts and to work side-by-side with so many talented and dedicated colleagues,â **said Wyman.** â I thank Director Easterly for the opportunity to support election officials in this role and to be part of this important mission. I am proud of the team and what weâ ve already been able to accomplish. I have worked with Cait for the past several years in this election security space

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and know that CISA is in good hands with Cait joining the effort going forward.â

â Iâ m thrilled to take on this responsibility and canâ t wait to hit the ground running,â **said Conley.** â We have an amazing elections team here at CISA which has been working year-round to support state and local election officials in ensuring the security and resilience of elections. I am excited to return to the election security mission and build on the incredible progress CISA has made over the last several years.â

Conley brings a wealth of experience in election security. She previously served as the Executive Director of the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, based out of Harvard Universityâ s Belfer Center, where she led the development and implementation of strategies, tools and recommendations for election administrators, election infrastructure providers, campaign organizations, and leaders involved in democratic processes to better defend against cybersecurity threats. She is also an experienced combat veteran with demonstrated leadership in global special operations, cyber operations, and counterterrorism.

Proposed Revised Resolution for the NASS Elections Committee on 7/11

Yesterday on the call, we reviewed the resolution which will come before the Elections Committee on July 11th. One edit was suggested and has been included in the attached version. Please review and let me know if you have any edits.

Thanks, and Happy 4th Weekend!

Best,
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NASS Elections Committee Bi-Weekly Virtual Meeting
June 29th, 2023

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Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET – Calendar Info Attached

Please don't forget to join our call tomorrow at 2:30PM ET. We will review the NASS Resolution Urging National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates. NASS staff has revised the resolution, with approval from the Elections Committee Co-Chairs, and the revised version (attached) will be reviewed on the call tomorrow.

We will also hear from two states on poll worker recruitment efforts – NH and NE. **I am still looking for a state to address how they share poll worker info collected on the Secretary's website with local jurisdictions.**

House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee Passes FY2024 Approps Bill – Up Next Full Approps Committee and House Floor

Before the House left last week for their District Work Session, the House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee passed their FY2024 bill. There are some items of interest.

First, the EAC operating budget has been reduced by $8 million and there are no election security funds available for states.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES- For necessary expenses to carry out the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–252), $20,000,000, of which $1,500,000 shall be made available to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for election reform activities authorized under the Help America Vote 12 Act of 2002.

Second, federal agencies identified in the March 2021 Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting will not be able to use funds appropriated in FY2024 for these activities, with the exception of Sec. 7- Ensuring Equal Access for Voters with Disabilities, Sec. 8 – Ensuring Access to Voting for Active Duty Military and Overseas Citizens, and Sec. 10 – Establishing a Native American Voting Rights Steering Group.

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SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. 4 Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order.

Please note that the bill now moves to the full Appropriations Committee for a vote and then on to the House floor. The Senate has not really begun their appropriations process yet.

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New EAC Website

I just went on the EAC website to look for something and they have launched their new website.

House Admin Full Committee Field Hearing in Atlanta, GA on July 10th at 2:30PM ET: The Path to Election Integrity Across America

On **Monday, July 10 2023, at 2:30 p.m. ET**, the Committee on House Administration will hold a full committee field hearing titled, "American Confidence in Elections: The Path to Election Integrity Across America." The hearing will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Don't Forget to Register for the National Tabletop the Vote for August 15, 16 and 17 – Registration Form Attached

Please join us for *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise*, sponsored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The purpose of this exercise is to identify best practices and areas for improvement in election planning, identification, response, and recovery.

Please think about the people you communicate with before, during and after Election Day – state staff (elections, comms, IT, legal) local election officials, law enforcement, fusion center, emergency managers, election vendors, etc. to include when you register. Many of you will want to bring everyone possible into the same room, others will utilize Webex links for participants.

Exercise Details:

Dates: August 15, 16, and 17, 2023

- The exercise repeats with the same scenario on each of the three days. There is no need to participate every day. States/territories may participate on more than one day and are welcome to include different participants each day.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET
Format: Plenary and Breakout sessions
Virtual Platform: Webex
Attendance Limits:

- **States**: Each state has up to 18 connections per day
- **D.C. and U.S. Territories**: Up to 5 connections per day
- **Connections are** a single login to Webex. This could be one individual accessing the Webex platform remotely or an individual accessing the Webex platform from a conference room where more attendees are gathered.

Registration Instructions:

1. Each state or territorial election office completes the attached Tabletop the Vote 2023 Registration spreadsheet by compiling all registrants for the state or territory and **returns it to CISA at TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov, by July 31, 2023. Please note this is a firm deadline due to limitations with the Webex platform.**
    a. The election office must select the day(s) participants will attend. Be sure to include yourselves on the spreadsheet if you will attend.

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2. The person submitting the RSVP will receive an email confirming receipt. POCs, facilitators, participants, and observers will be sent an email with the Webex link for the day they are registered no later than August 4, 2023.

Registrants will be provided technical instructions and exercise reference materials closer to the exercise.

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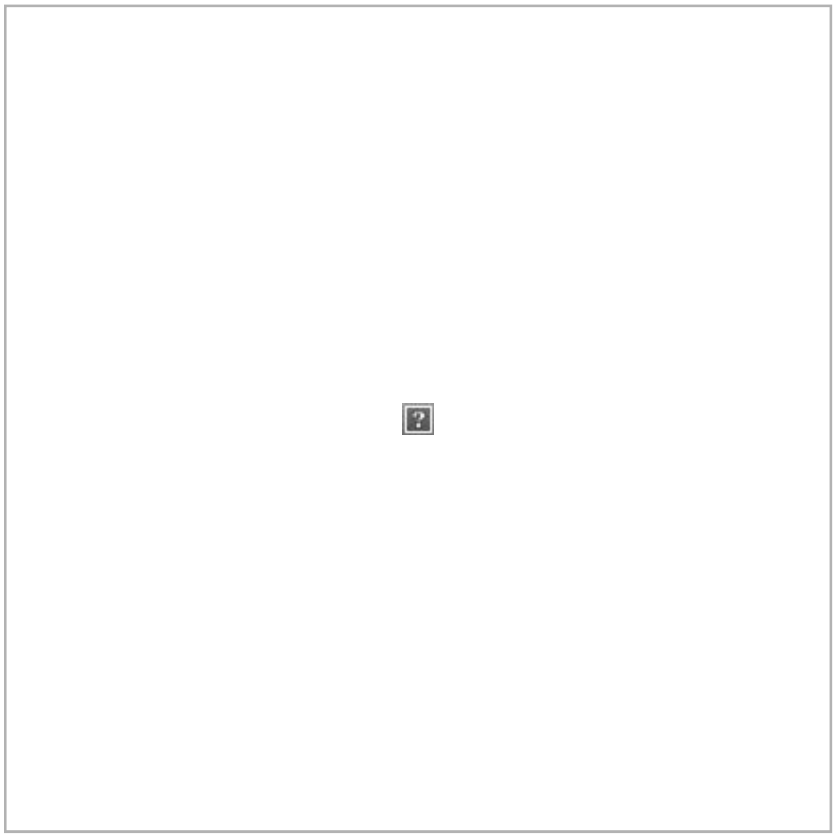

Friend,

The Failing New York Times has released rumored details of my coming **ARREST**:

> â *He will be fingerprinted.*
> *He will be photographed.*
> *He may even be handcuffed.*
>
> *The former president is expected to walk through the routine steps of felony arrest processing in New York.â*

I am not afraid of whatâ s to come.

This is the battle I willingly signed up for when I decided to take on the entire Washington Machine as a political outsider 8 years ago, and be YOUR voice.

Nothing worthwhile in life ever comes easily. And I can think of nothing more worthwhile than the noble mission to SAVE *AMERICA.*

With tonightâ s FEC end-of-quarter deadline HOURS AWAY, please

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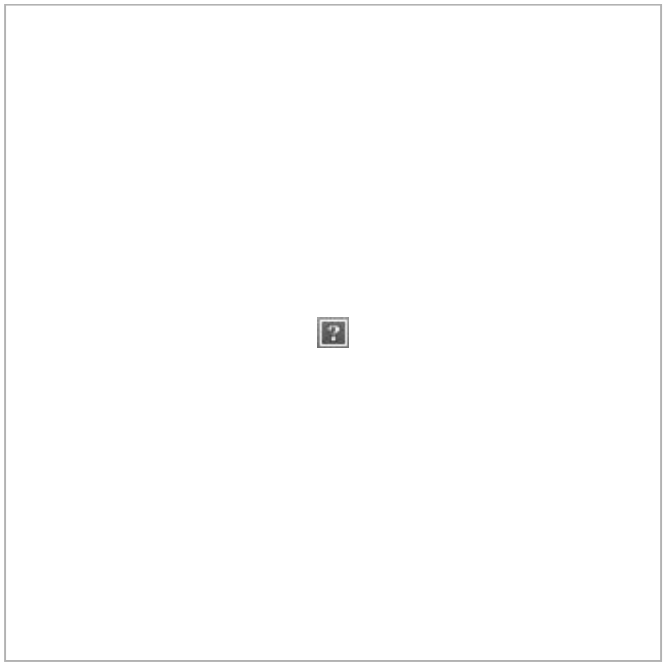

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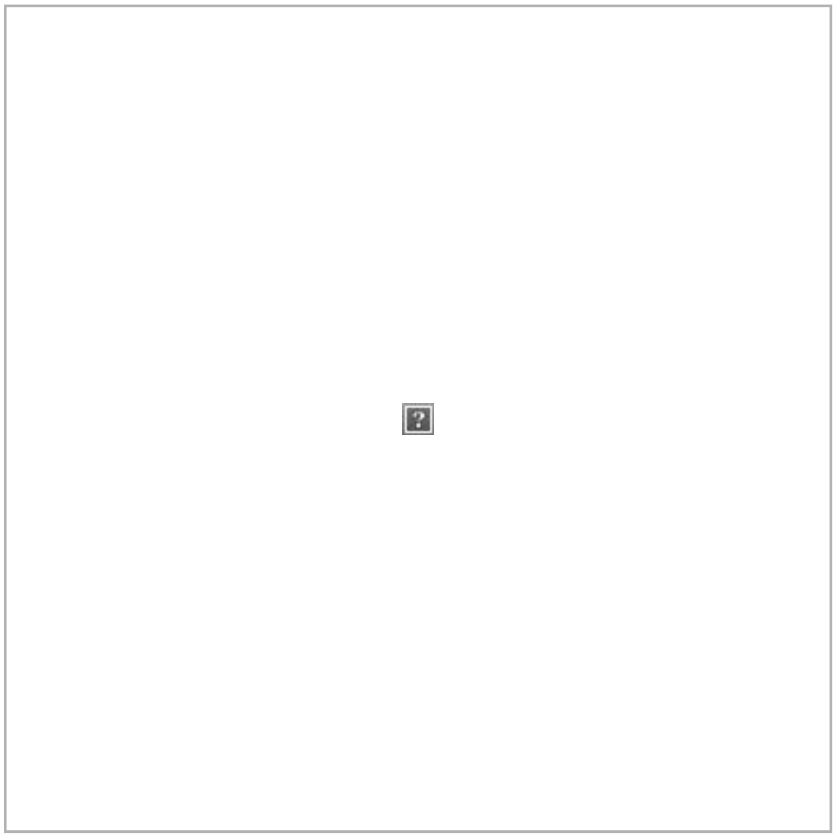

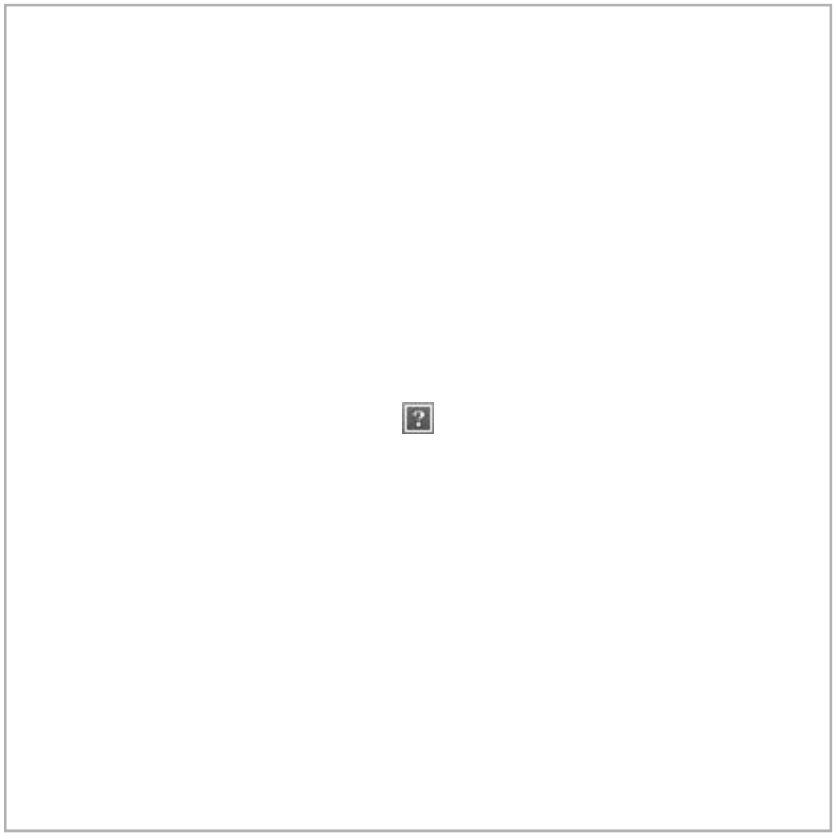

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We are living through the darkest chapter of American history.

The Radical Left â the enemy of the hard-working men and women of this country â have **INDICTED** me in a disgusting witch hunt.

Alvin Bragg, the Soros-funded District Attorney behind the indictment, relied on the testimony of a convicted felon and a disbarred lawyer.

Never before in our Nationâ s history has this been done.

The Democrats have cheated countless times over the decades, but weaponizing our justice system to punish a political opponent who just so happens to be a President of the United States, has never happened before. *Ever.*

From the time I came down the golden escalator at Trump Tower and even before I was sworn in as your President of the United States, the Radical Left Democrats have been engaged in a witch hunt to destroy our movement.

Ever since I ran for president as a complete political outsider, the corrupt ruling class has tried to shut down our America First movement.

The Deep State will use anything at their disposal to shut down the one political movement that puts YOU first.

But I promise you this: This Witch Hunt will BACKFIRE MASSIVELY on Joe Biden.

With your support, we will write the next great chapter of American history â and 2024 will forever go down as the year we saved our Republic.

WE WILL MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Please make a contribution â of truly any amount â to defend our movement from the never-ending witch hunts and WIN the WHITE HOUSE in 2024 â for 1,500% impact.

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Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ ¯here:â ¯â ¯https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

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Dear NASS Elections Committee Members,

We look forward to seeing many of you at the NASS 2023 Summer Conference! We have an agenda full of state shared practices and excellent presentations. Some sessions you won't want to miss!

Please review the committee business item before the Tuesday, July 11th Elections Committee meeting!

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00AM – 11:30AM ET Hacking Demystified – Behind the Breach Breakfast and Interactive Stations – Come, Learn and Interact

12:30PM – 1:15PM ET IDEAS Presentation – One elections-related presentation

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:30AM – 10:45AM Elections Committee – agenda attached along with one item of committee business. Shared practice presentations include – Truth Tellers Task Force – MI, Task Force on Voter Confidence – NH, "Last Mile" Materials for Election Security and Awareness – AR/CISA, Launch of GARVIS – GA, Implementation of Voters Choice Act - CA

11:00AM – 12:15PM ET – Cybersecurity Committee

2:00PM – 3:00PM ET – Elections Communications Workshop - Presidential Primary Election Communications Prep and Messaging – MI, NH, MN, OH

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We look forward to seeing you!

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From CISA:

WASHINGTON â Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Jen Easterly announced today that Cait Conley, Senior Advisor to the Director, will take on additional responsibilities supporting CISAâ s election security efforts. Conley will spearhead CISAâ s partnership engagement and coordination efforts with election officials across the nation as they continue to serve as the frontline defenders of election infrastructure.

â Our work to support election officials across the nation remains one of CISAâ s highest priorities. Cait is a dedicated public servant and combat-tested U.S. Army veteran with extensive operational and leadership experience working top national security priorities, including cybersecurity and counterterrorism. This experience, combined with her work leading the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, make her ideally suited to help those state and local officials carrying out elections in every community in America. Iâ m thrilled to have her take on this responsibility,â **said CISA Director Easterly**. â I want to thank Kim Wyman, who will be departing CISA at the end of July for an opportunity in a private sector. Kim has been an invaluable Senior Election Security Lead over the past year and a half, strengthening our partnerships across the election community and maturing our operations. Iâ m pleased that she will remain as an informal advisor and friend to Team CISA, as well as a critical partner in the broader election security community.â

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NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

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DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

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- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

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12:30PM – 1:15PM ET IDEAS Presentation – One elections-related presentation

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NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

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- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

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- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
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12:30PM – 1:15PM ET IDEAS Presentation – One elections-related presentation

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11:07:40 PM MST

Subject: Wyoming GOP Passes No Confidence Vote Against Gov. Gordon | (see link below)

Greetings Wyoming Political Leaders,

We seem to have learned that our Wyoming Governor is now showing his true colors as "Shape Shifter in Chief". What a tragedy that Wyoming now has it's own version of Joe Biden, only reflected by a bumbling Governor dressed in a big hat and cowboy boots while appearing at a woke, anti-Semitic, university.

It would be such a refreshing change to have political leaders who actually supported and believed in ethics and integrity as their primary objective, and who upheld their Oath of Office. Instead, we have lots of ambulance chasers, egotists, false flag bearers, power brokers, and pretenders. These pseudo Conservative types, boldly heralding their stellar GOP Membership (Liz Cheney), all the while looking for their next gig on MSNBC (or Harvard).

Has Governor Gordon gone to the grocery store lately, filled up his car with gas and paid his Property Taxes. Maybe tried to find a mortgage his children can afford or, checked out the 8 million new welfare arrivals coming to our towns from south of our border How about the looming potential of World War 3? Maybe even trying to live on a fixed retirement income? **No problem, Climate Change is the real "Existential Threat"!** Does he really even know (or care) what average citizens are facing in Wyoming and this Nation?

Yes Governor, the Sky Really Is Falling (so it appears), and it isn't from Climate Change!

Best Regards,

Ron & Marsha McKim

Bedford, WY 83112

https://cowboystatedaily.com/2023/11/04/wyoming-gop-says-gordon-boldly-turned-on-party-with-no-confidence-vote/

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From: cynthia.valdez@wyo.gov on behalf of SOS Sec. of State <secofstate@wyo.gov>
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: Fwd: My Visit to the DC Gulag
Date: Monday, May 22, 2023 11:53:48 AM

FYI...
Thanks!

Wyoming Secretary of State's Office
Executive Assistant:
Cynthia Valdez (307) 777-5333
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From: **Matt Braynard** <matt@lookaheadamerica.org>
Date: Mon, May 22, 2023 at 11:46â ¯AM
Subject: My VisitÂ to the DC Gulag
To: Hamza Swineford <secofstate@wyo.gov>

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: 132 Election Fraud Cases Open & AZ County Ignores Felony Illegal Voting
Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 10:25:05 AM

Dear Patriot,

Yuma County Prosecutor Ignores LAA's Clear Evidence of Illegal Voting

Despite this universal conclusion that a Class 5 Felony had been committed, the Yuma County Attorney's office claims that there is still "insufficient evidence" to pursue the case. We encourage the people of Arizona to encourage the County Attorney to re-examine this evidence.

Watch Matt's video statement and view supporting evidence: https://lookaheadamerica.org/azdvpr/.

We Officially Have 132 Election Fraud Cases Open, 111 in Texas

LAA is publishing a list of cases officially opened, successfully closed cases such as in Tennessee with Emily Jessop Bowers, and a handful of cases not pursued but still prosecutable under the statute of limitations.

Press release and case list: https://lookaheadamerica.org/opencasespr/

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swinelord
Subject: New Political Prisoner Podcast & Election Integrity in GA, AR & PA
Date: Monday, May 08, 2023 11:35:41 AM

Dear Patriot,

The Political Prisoner Podcast • Brad Rukstales

After hearing half of Trump's speech, Brad Rukstales turned on the TV to see people with American flags at the Capitol building. He wanted a picture!

With no barriers and no violence, he walked up the stairs with a large crowd. Police were casually talking to a protester, not telling them they shouldn't go through a wide open, undamaged door. Some people nearby were tackled. He turned to leave, was tackled by an officer, and dragged into a hallway.

Listen to the podcast https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/7fRGzhBuDzb

LAA Praises Georgia for Banning Zuckerbucks and Arkansas for Election Integrity Unit

LAA issued a celebratory statement regarding Georgia passing SB 222 last week. The law closes the so-called "Zuckerbucks" loophole previously allowed under SB 202.

LAA also praised Arkansas for its Election Integrity Unit within the Attorney General's office for passing into law. The EIU now has legal authority to prosecute election fraud cases.

Press release: https://lookaheadamerica.org/gaar/.

LAA Finds Huge Discrepancies in Pennsylvania's Official Election Records

After comparing data on the state of Pennsylvania official website for election results against the official county election results, LAA found a number of glaring discrepancies in these records. In several state races these surpassed the margins of victory and margins of recounts.

Press release: https://lookaheadamerica.org/padataconflictspr/.

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From: cynthia.valdez@wyo.gov on behalf of SOS Sec. of State <secofstate@wyo.gov>
To: Chuck Gray
Subject: Fwd: LAA Research Leads to Conviction, Florida Bill Condemned & Tomorrow"s Webinar
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:03:26 AM

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Wyoming Secretary of State's Office
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Subject: LAA Research Leads to Conviction, Florida Bill Condemned & Tomorrow's Webinar
To: Hamza Swineford <secofstate@wyo.gov>

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Press releaseÂ https://lookaheadamerica.org/convictiontn/.

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: Arkansas Creates Election Integrity Unit
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 10:16:24 AM

Dear Patriot,

Arkansas Makes Progress on Election Integrity with Permanent Investigative Unit

Last week, the Arkansas State House and Senate passed HB 1513, which creates a permanent Election Integrity Unit (EIU) within the Attorney General's office. Now the bill awaits Governor Sarah Huckabee Sander's signature. This accomplishes one of Look Ahead America's (LAA) six public policy objectives (https://lookaheadamerica.org/integrity/) designed to improve voter confidence in elections. Read more: https://lookaheadamerica.org/arkansaseiu/

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swingford
Subject: Win a First-Class VIP Ticket to INC '23
Date: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:51:16 PM

Dear Patriot,

Win a First-Class VIP Ticket to INC '23!

Join me and other speakers including Tulsi Gabbard, Dennis Kucinich, and Corey DeAngelis in Austin, Texas on April 3-5, 2023. Learn more at https://www.inc23.us/event.

We are conducting a silent auction for a VIP ticket that includes:

- First-Class VIP ($1,995 Value!)
- Everything in General Admission +
- Private Registration & Entrance
- Lounge Seating at Each Stage
- 5 Catered Meals & VIP Meal Area
- Private Balcony Lounge
- VIP Media Capture & Share
- Access to Event Talent & Other VIP's
- VIP After Party (April 6th)

Please email your bid to Julie@LookAheadAmerica.org and we'll notify the winner on Friday afternoon.

ICYMI...Last Saturday

Today, I got a message from supporter of @LookAheadOrg, disheartened by the continued over-prosecution and unfair treatment of nonviolent participants in the J6 protests and disappointed our org was not able to do more. I shared the disappointment, and this was my response:

https://twitter.com/MattBraynard/status/1639700386268303363?s=20

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: J6 Disappointment
Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023 1:54:58 PM

Dear Patriot,

This morning I got a message from a long-time supporter of Look Ahead America who was disheartened by the continued over-prosecution and unfair treatment of peaceful January 6th protestors and disappointed in Look Ahead America for not being able to do more, and I wanted to share my response:

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I share your disappointment that we aren't able to do more. Please understand:

Look Ahead America did not exist on January 6th, 2021.

Despite that, we've led the fight for Justice for J6 this way:

- Held 70 rallies and vigils to successfully reshape public opinion about the events of that day and what followed. This was a measurable shift.
- Built the most comprehensive database of the political prisoners, including data on how donors could support them. (https://LookAheadAmerica.org/J6)
- Developed and produced the only podcast in existence that lets these prisoners share their side of the story. (https://open.spotify.com/show/0TNr36CemhfqMBW6Ez1Ftg)
- Led our activists to have hundreds of conversations with their elected officials and canddiates the political persecutions.
- Created a jobs program that has helped connect convicted J6ers to employers willing to give them a chance. (https://LookAheadAmerica.org/JobsforJ6)

We did this with a few thousand dollars, less than 100k.

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We are not the ACLU, which has been around for a hundred years and has a powerful legal team and an annual budget of $300 million. If we did, we would have been able to organize legal defenses for all of these people, centralized it, and probably gotten most of them off, along with bringing suits against the federal government.

We need supporters and donors who can be patient with us as we grow and develop into something that can more capably handle a situation like this. It isn't going to happen overnight, and I'm in this for the long haul.

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I ask for your continued help for our organization. Your contributions are tax deductible, not publicly disclosed, and we don't share your donor data with anyone: https://LookAheadAmerica.org/donate.

I'm grateful to all of our donors for their support, without which we wouldn't have accomplished anything and without which we could not advance the America First cause in the dangerous battles to come.

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Matt Braynard

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ here:â â https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
Leslie

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: Arkansas Election Integrity Unit
Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:51:47 AM

Good morning,

LAA Lauds Arkansas AG Tim Griffin for Creating an Election Integrity Unit

We are thrilled that Arkansas is on the way to filling one of our six public policy objectives to improve voter integrity. Specifically, #5 *Creation and Sufficient Funding for a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State's Attorney General's Office*. Our press release, https://lookaheadamerica.org/arageiu/.

For LAA's 2023 election report card, visit https://LookAheadAmerica.org/2023ReportCard.

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: New Political Prisoner Podcast
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 9:42:41 AM

Good morning,

New Episode of The Political Prisoner Podcast

One brave woman is leading a charity to help J6 political prisoners receive visits from their loved ones after YEARS of isolation.

Hear the story of Sarah McAbee and Operation Love Wins, and support their effort at https://www.therealj6.com/lovewins.

To listen to the podcast, go to our Anchor homepage https://anchor.fm/politicalprisoner. You can also find us on Apple and Spotify.

To learn more details about the status of all the other J6 political prisoners, check out our comprehensive database at https://j6.lookaheadamerica.org/j6/.

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: March Training plus Book & Movie Nights
Date: Monday, March 06, 2023 10:56:35 AM

Good morning,

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: New February Training Webinar
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:47:17 AM

Good morning,

February Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

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In the News

No Soundbites Allowed

"We spoke to Ian Camacho of #LookAheadAmerica about his help with the making of the upcoming book #AmericanGulagChronicles. The focus of the book, and the discussion is the #J6 prisoners. Has anyone had charges dismissed? Is anyone trans and awaiting trial? How did the book get started? Most of all, will this affect America."

Watch here: https://rumble.com/v28uu5y-american-gulag-chronicles-and-j6-prisoners-ian-camacho-speaks.html or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FPXuyLUvzk

J6 Patriot News / The American Gulag Chronicles

"As we approach the second anniversary of January 6th, the need to bring TRUTH to the American public about what actually occurred on January 6th and what is happening to the Trump supporters who were present that day to have their voices “peacefully and patriotically” heard, is now of paramount importance to the American public."

https://j6patriotnews.com/american-gulag-chronicles-letters-from-prison

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From: Wyoming Republican Party
To: Ed Buchanan
Subject: RNC Elections
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023 11:25:42 AM

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RNC Elections Coming up Soon

Wyomingites, just like all Americans, know that Washington DC is broken and it's time for change. For generations, the Republican Party has rightly stood in contrast to the failed political status quo as fearless advocates for transparency, accountability, and common sense. Today, it is time for us to once again stand as champions of these foundational American principles as we decide the direction of our great Republican Party.

On the heels of three consecutive losing election cycles and accusations of inadequate financial controls within the Republican National Committee, it is time for us to embrace a bold, new vision for our party, dedicated to victory and restoring faith in our national Republican institution, amongst both our donors and grassroots activists. We must focus on building the most robust ground game in our party's history to ensure that we can prevail in 2024 by winning the White House, Senate, House of Representatives, and state legislatures all across America.

Harmeet Dhillon is the only candidate in the race for RNC chair who is committed to implementing the optimizations that are needed to succeed against this new breed of radicalized Democrat. Harmeet has fought in the trenches for us, and alongside us, for decades. Whether it was defending our party committees, arguing for our Republican values in the U.S. Supreme Court, or fighting to ensure our nation's elections are fair, honest and accessibleâ Harmeet has never wavered in her commitment to our party and her legal expertise has been indispensable.

Grassroots Wyomingites have reached out to us time and again with calls for change and defense against radical left ideas and policy. A recent poll of our State Central Committee put Harmeet in a solid lead for RNC Chair. Wyoming Republicans are committed to sweeping victory in 2024. We believe Harmeet Dhillon is the RNC chair who can help us deliver it.

Sincerely,
Frank Eathorne

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: UPDATED: Locations for #J6 Candlelight Vigils
Date: Friday, January 06, 2023 11:52:43 AM

Please post photos on social media with #J6Vigil.

Candlelight Vigil Guidelines & Checklist

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Good morning,

LAA Releases 2023 Public Policy Analysis Report Card

2023 is shaping up to overtake 2020-2022 in the number of bills introduced, and we are excited to see items previously ignored being taken up, and even introduced federally.

We hope that our supporters and volunteers will continue to push these items through to their legislators to tighten up election integrity and get better laws passed. We are punching way above our weight as a small nonprofit organization can only imagine what we could get if every one of our volunteers from 2020 worked with us to pass these in their own states.

To read the full report, see attached or visit https://LookAheadAmerica.org/2023ReportCard.

Look Ahead America's six election integrity objectives, visit https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

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The Shadow of the Torturer by Gene Wolfe (first of four volumes in The Book of the New Sun series)

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March 27 • Chapters 28-35

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Election Integrity Reforms Report Card 2023

February 28, 2023

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Summary and Background

Look Ahead America (LAA) formed six public policy objectives relating to elections based on the findings of the Voter Integrity Project (VIP) in the aftermath of the 2020 General Election, hundreds of ideas suggested by the public, and decades of experience administering elections.

Each of these policy objectives satisfies three key requirements:
(1) eliminating vulnerabilities in our election system,
(2) practicality of implementation, and
(3) harmony with current state and federal laws and established legal precedence.

Details on these objectives appear later in this report.

LAA believes that by passing these six election integrity policy objectives through all 50 U.S. state legislatures, five territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and in the District of Columbia, these will restore trust in America's electoral process while simultaneously addressing various vulnerabilities and weaknesses currently in the election system.

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In the 2023 legislative sessions, thus far state legislators have introduced 35 bills that addressed LAA's six election integrity objectives. This is already half of the amount of bills introduced between the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, and the year is not even a quarter completed yet.

From the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, various states introduced 70 bills which related to the LAA public policy objectives. Of these 70 bills, 12 passed into law without loopholes. When considering that there are six objectives per state, the five territories, and Washington D.C., then simple math shows that a total of at least 336 bills will need to pass into law without loopholes. Additionally, LAA has since revised its definition of an objective obtained based on the items becoming officially enshrined in state law as opposed to the categorization from 2022, which resulted in the removal of one previous "award" given to Arizona.

Therefore, LAA has reached 3.57% percent of its goal to get all six items passed in all parts of the United States without any loopholes. When considering the limited budget of LAA, which started this effort in late 2020 as the VIP, these successful bill passages are in no small part attributed to its base of highly-motivated volunteers and generous small donors.

In addition to these 12 bills without loopholes, another 17 state bills passed albeit with loopholes, and this is not including resolutions passed in another four counties: three in Wisconsin and one in Michigan. These have no legal weight but may indicate things to come.

Furthermore, two of these bills came directly from LAA's volunteers. Although the first bill in New Jersey S4162 would have banned black box voting equipment, it failed to pass in 2021. That said, New Jersey State Senator Pennacchio has reintroduced the bill as S4162 in the 2022-23 legislative session as the idea of open source voting equipment has gained traction over the last two years. In fact, United States Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona recently introduced a bill which would include a study to consider incorporating it into the 2028 General Election.

In contrast, South Carolina passed SB 108 in 2021-22, which addresses two election integrity objectives with the help of Senator Chip Campsen. Although the bill has loopholes, LAA believes that it is better to have a law in place with loopholes that legislators can close later as opposed to nothing in place at all.

It should also be noted that Denise Bolognese of New Jersey and Lori Boddy of South Carolina undertook the enormous tasks of bringing these to their respective state senators and should be commended for their work. Even if a bill fails, it is now in the public sphere and consciousness, as seen with the New Jersey bill reintroduced with greater potentiality of becoming law as the ideas behind the bill(s) get traction. Additionally, they serve as potential templates and reference legislation for other states considering introducing similar measures.

Arizona no longer leads the pack that meet our election integrity objectives passed into law, as the Election Integrity Unit formed under former Attorney General Mark Brnovich has since pivoted focus from election integrity to expanded voting rights under the current Governor and

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former Secretary of State's direction Katie Hobbs. This underscores the reason for making such units enshrined into law, as Florida did, and with which it is tied at two bills each.

That said, Look Ahead Arizona led the effort to get these reforms introduced and passed; the 2022 Arizona session passed HB 2492, using public policy objective #2 language almost verbatim for example. If any other states incorporated a Look Ahead America division within them just as Arizona did from 2021-22, then LAA would be able to the state successfully pass a significantly larger number of election integrity laws.

Takeaways from the Data

Upon reviewing, updating, and incorporating the legislative data since 2020 it appears that five things stood out with the revised data and presentation:

(1) Most states from 2020-22 targeted private funds and NGO funds to prevent a repeat of "Zuckerbucks" (Mark Zuckerberg donated over $300 million to states to influence the 2020 election, which LAA reported in https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Rigged). One can see this reflected in the high incidence of bills regarding election objective #6 from 2020-22.

(2) Starting in 2023, the legislatures have shifted their focus to laws that clarify, regulate, and mandate use of shared interstate databases and official tools to clean up the voter rolls. This reflects in the higher number of bills in 2023 regarding election objective #2.

(3) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills approximating objective #4 for the first time this year. Previously, no states had addressed this, whereas this year New Mexico and Pennsylvania are leading the way.

(4) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills on a Federal and national level involving public policy objectives #2 and #3 specifically. Should these pass into law, then this would essentially bypass the need to pass them on a state level, at least as far as Federal elections are concerned. Of course, for ideal and uniform election integrity from top to bottom, states should pass these objectives for their state and local elections.

(5) As mentioned previously, Arizona lost a previously awarded objective as it was not made into law. Specifically, the Election Integrity Unit was funded but not made into a formal office nor division, nor were its aims and goals enshrined into law. For this reason, new administrations can either dissolve them or modify them for their own agendas.[1] States such as Texas and Virginia are at risk of losing these should they fail to become official and defined by the state legislatures. Furthermore, the power they currently wield has been challenged as unconstitutional.[2] Fortunately, some states like Ohio are working to pass this item into law.

[1] https://www.azmirror.com/2023/02/23/election-integrity-units-pivot-has-both-sides-questioning-whether-it-should-exist-at-all/
[2] https://www.texastribune.org/2022/09/28/attorney-general-ken-paxton-voter-fraud/

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Disclaimer

LAA's Director of Research, Ian Camacho, and the Research Group volunteers did their best to review all these bills for accuracy, and scoured multiple sources to verify dates of passage, status, and to ensure that they missed nothing.

Nevertheless, as we are all human it is possible that we missed something. If you know of any state level bills not listed in the following report but are directly related to one of LAA's six election integrity objectives, then please send the relevant state, session, bill number, and corresponding objective(s) to ian.camacho@lookaheadamerica.org.

Election Integrity Objectives Review

1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.

A single machine-readable thumbprint on the affidavit envelope of an absentee ballot will limit the ability of an individual other than the voter of record to cast that ballot. Multiple ballots cast by a single individual will be easily detectable.

Pairing a thumbprint requirement with an absentee ballot request or as part of the voter registration process would practically eliminate fraudulent absentee ballots as well as problems with ballot signature verification, witness signatures, and unscrupulous ballot harvesting.

The state would encrypt the captured thumbprints as alphanumeric values with a one-way hash using a secure key and would be prohibited from sharing raw thumbprint data with any other government agency.

2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.

The state will be required to engage in several processes to ensure only those legally eligible to cast ballots are on voter registration lists and lists remain current.

Further, whether or not these processes result in a voter record's removal, the findings of these processes will be reflected in the publicly available voter list (not applicable to Social Security numbers). This will allow citizens or organizations to use this information to take additional steps to ensure only legal ballots are cast.

These processes will include, but are not limited to:

Shared Interstate Residency Databases. The state will cooperate with other states to build a secure, transactional database to detect when an individual has registered in another state or taken other steps that would indicate a loss of residency and therefore voter privileges. This

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database will rely on a match of name, date of birth and the last four digits of the Social Security number. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

Non-Citizen Matching Using the USCIS's SAVE Database. The state will take advantage of the USCIS's SAVE database to flag non-citizens and remove them from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

National Change of Address, Social Security Death Index, and Master Death File Matching. The state will match the voter list against the NCOA permanent moves, SSDI, and MDF on a monthly basis. Any matches will require a follow-up to ensure whether the voter is still eligible to cast a ballot and, if not, they will be removed from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

3. Ban on the Use of "Black Box" Voting Equipment.

"Black Box" voting equipment uses proprietary, non-public software and hardware designs. According to a study by Princeton University, this equipment is highly susceptible to undetected hacking and manipulation.

The alternative is to mandate that all election equipment use open-source software and design that is available for inspection and review by the public and technology organizations to ensure the validity and accuracy of vote counting.

Open-source election software and hardware, paired with paper ballots, will remove the potential for tampering as well as the suspicion of tampering.

More information can be found at https://lookaheadamerica.org/blackbox/.

4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.

The public must have mechanisms through which they are assured elections are conducted in accordance with the law to facilitate trust in election officials and to confirm the integrity of election officials.

The committee shall consist of trusted citizens who represent various political parties as well as non-partisan organizations. Each committee member will be granted access to the election process equivalent to the state's election director and any county election director. These representatives will have the responsibility of documenting the lawful execution of the election at every level.

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5. Creation and Sufficient Funding for a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State's Attorney General's Office.

Many states have little to no standing effort to investigate voter fraud. Dedicating sufficient staffing and funding to a permanent division within the state's attorney general's office will help defend the integrity of our elections.

6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

While private individuals and corporations may choose to sponsor improvements to election operations with direct donations of funding or material to government election agencies, these contributions may not be geographically targeted and must be equitably distributed throughout a state based on voter populations.

This restriction will only be applicable to liquid contributions to allow incidental contributions to continue, such as a club allowing its headquarters to be used as a polling place.

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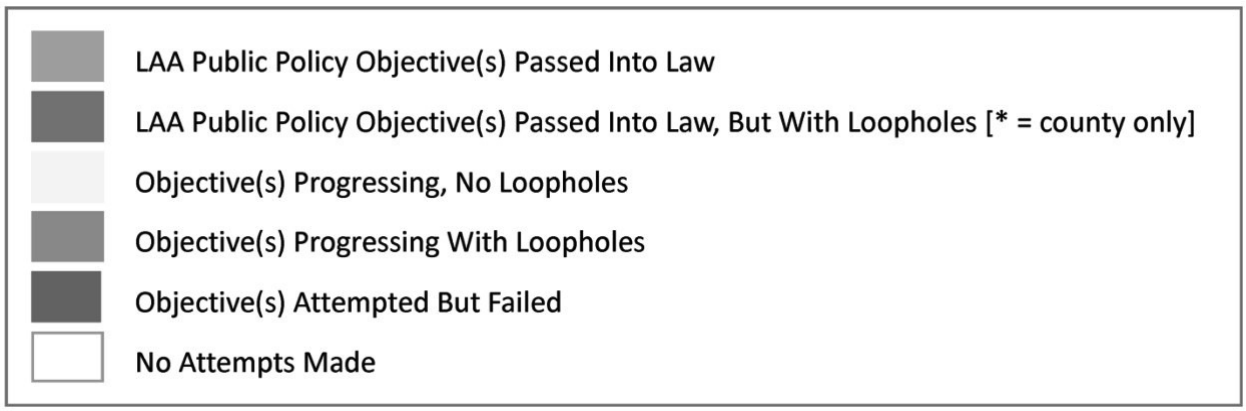

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Detailed States with Election Integrity Objectives (as of 02/26/2023)

Item	State	Session	Bill (Description)	Status	What's missing
#1	Pennsylvania	2021-22	HB 30 (Thumbprint verification of absentee ballot.)	Referred to state government 6/3/21, died	Nothing
#1	Texas	2021-22	HB 3080 (Requires a thumbprint in addition to signature on absentee mail in ballots.)	Failed 4/27/21	Nothing
#1	Texas	2023-24	HB 1448 (Redo of TX HB 3080)	Introduced 1/19/23	Nothing
#2	Alaska	2023-24	SB 5 (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, jury duty, property and tax records, etc.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 1/18/23	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2022	HB 2492 (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, etc.)	Law 3/30/22	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2023	HB 2560 (Counties required to publish a voter list not later than 10 days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Does not clean rolls, but provides public option to review and challenge.
#2	Arkansas	2023	HB 1407 (Creation of interstate database to compare voters who died, moved, non-citizens, felons, etc.)	Sent to Senate, Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to State Agencies & Govt'l Affairs-Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	SB 1270 (Automatic voter registration within 90 days of NCOA notice for people moving into IL not out. Might alert other ERIC states of voter's IL registration and cancel voter's prior state registrations.)	Introduced 2/3/23	No auto removal using NCOA. No SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	HB 1149 (Basically a companion bill to IL SB 1270.)	Referred to Rules	No auto removal using NCOA. No

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				Committee 1/12/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kansas	2023-24	HB 2052 (Jury duty exclusions based on non-citizenship status removes/blocks ineligible voters.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Elections 1/18/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kentucky	2023	HB 230 (In addition to NCOA, MDF, SSDI, it handles anomalies including high voter counts at addresses, and also any at vacant lots, business addresses, minor name variations.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Committees 2/8/23	Nothing
#2	Missouri	2023	SB 44 (Allows for use of postal service contractors utilizing NCOA to canvass voters who did and didn't vote in last election.)	On Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection 2/22/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Hampshire	2023	SB 223 (Requires use of the NCOA to correct voter list.)	Referred to Senate Committee 2/14/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	A356 (Permits county clerk to remove voters from vote-by-mail lists using NCOA)	Introduced 1/11/21, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	S2557 (Mirror of NJ A356)	Introduced and brought to committee 5/22/22, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Oklahoma	2023	HB 2052 (Rules for joining a shared multistate voter database, keeps NCOA but removes ERIC.)	Pass Elections and Ethics Committee 2/15/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Pennsylvania	2023-24	SB 193 (Registrars will cancel registration of a dead voter within seven days of notice, not 30 as current.)	Referred to State Government Committee 1/19/23	SSDI, MDF, NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Carolina	2021-22	SB 108 (Requirements to clean voter rolls including removal of ineligible voters within seven days of discovery such as noncitizens.)	Law 5/13/22	NCOA, SAVE, SSDI, MDF databases. Allows interstate data sharing.
#2	South Dakota	2023	SB 140 (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	Scheduled for hearing H.J. 1 2/22/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.

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#2	South Dakota	2023	SB 123 (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	SB 124 (Requires review of county property tax records to determine if a nonresidential location of registration, able to use and check a multistate voter database, NCOA, SSN, citizenship database.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	HB 1106 (Requires SSDI, MDF, and mental incompetence records, but removes NCOA notice.)	Scheduled for hearing 2/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	HB 0246 (Requires that the coordinator of elections consult the SSDI and MDF to remove voters with 60 days before an election.)	Assigned to s/c Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 1/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	SB 0136 (Mirror of TN HB 0246.)	Sponsor Added 1/31/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	SB 1070 (Alternative to ERIC, sets up a private interstate data sharing system for voter verification.)	Filed by Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	SB 260 (If a voter's residence is a commercial residence or P.O. Box the registrar must send the voter an address confirmation notice, if they have reason to believe the voter lives elsewhere, or the voter doesn't vote in the last 25 months.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/15/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Virginia	2023	HB 1377 (Cancelation of a voter in seven days if they are known to be dead, felons, incapacitated, or USCIS SAVE notices.)	Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections 2/14/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF mentions.
#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	SB 26 (Allows for removal of voters only if an "official notification by the appropriate election administrative authority of another state, territory, or possession" informs a clerk that the voter has registered there.)	Rep. Rozar added as cosponsor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.

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#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	AB 21 (Mirror of WI SB 26.)	Rep. Rozar added as coauthor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.
#2	USA	2023-24	HB 156 (Automatic voter registration, must opt out. Use of NCOA from USPS and also SSDI/MDF, would use Soc. Security Agency to check citizenship.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/9/23	Nothing
#3	Alabama	2022	SB 47 (Requires hand marked paper ballots.)	Senate passed 2/2/22, died in House 2/16/22	Does not apply to tabulators.
#3	Alaska	2023-24	SB 6 (Voting machine or vote tally system must use only open-source software technology or commercial off-the-shelf software and firmware.)	Referred to State Affairs 1/18/23	Off-the-shelf software is proprietary and not transparent.
#3	Arizona	2023	HB 2560 (Counties will be required to publish a voter list not later than ten days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Not open source software, but open records of ballots a step in the right direction.
#3	Hawaii	2023	HB 132 (Requires paper ballots or voter verified paper audit trails aka a printout of what one voted and cast; audits will be done using ballot scanned images or by voter verified paper audit trails.)	Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 2/21/23	Voter verified audit trails are not paper ballots, nor is auditing voter verified paper audit trails or ballot scans the same as hand counting or machine counting a paper ballot.
#3	Hawaii	2023	SB 180 (Mirror bill of HI HB 132.)	Referred to JDC 1/23/23	Same as above.
#3	Idaho	2023	SB 1110 (Requires open-source code, tally system will stamp each ballot counted by the machine with an ID and a time stamp to the nearest 1/100 of a second, and the county clerk to post a sample ballot, the open-source software was used, the compiler was used to convert to machine language, and machine language used.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/23/23	Nothing

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#3	Illinois	2021-22	SB 2038 (Hand marked paper ballots only.)	Introduced 2/26/2021, session sine die 1/10/23	Scanned ballots OK
#3	Missouri	2022	HB 2633 (Bans machines from counting or casting ballots.)	Introduced 2/1/22, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Hampshire	2022	HB 1064 (Hand marked paper ballots and hand counted, bans machines in elections.)	Introduced 11/2/21, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2020-21	S4162 (Requires open source voting systems and paper ballots.)	Failed 11/22/21	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2022-23	S238 (Requires open source voting equipment and paper ballots, redo of NJ S4162.)	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee 1/11/23	Nothing
#3	Texas	2023-24	SB 512 (Bans electronic voting items: signature roster, poll lists, ballot marking devices, and combinations.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 2/17/23	No ban on tabulators or scanners, not open source.
#3	USA	2023-24	HR 466 (Requires voter verified paper ballots, no more digital only ballots, and requires a study for open source voting software.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/24/23	Does not exclude QR codes or barcodes, which are not human readable.
#4	New Mexico	2023	HB 86 (Voter education and elections task force, which allows four citizens, two per major party, to be granted access to the elections process and have input on legislation and processes.)	Sent to HCPAC - Referrals: HCPAC/HGEIC 1/18/23	This is a temporary task force and a study for future elections.
#4	Pennsylvania	2023-24	SB 127 (Allows local counties to oversee election boards and that those election boards must contain minority party members.)	Referred to State Gov't Committee 1/18/23	No non-partisan orgs, still a good first step.

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#5	Arizona	n/a	https://www.azag.gov/criminal/eiu	Founded 2019	Not in law, goals not clear, currently being reformed to focus on voting rights.
#5	Florida	2022	SB 524 (Establishes the Office of Election Crimes and Security in the Department of State.)	Law 4/25/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Georgia	2021-22	SB 441 (Provides the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and crimes and subpoena power for such investigations.)	Law 4/28/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Ohio	2023-24	SB 51 (Establish Secretary of State Election Integrity Division.)	Referred to committee: General Government 2/8/23	Though not directly under AG, it seems to fit the integrity item.
#5	Texas	n/a	https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/election-integrity	Announced 10/18/21	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#5	Virginia	n/a	https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/2452-september-9-2022-attorney-general-miyares-announces-new-election-integrity-unit	Announced 9/9/22	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#6	Alabama	2022	HB 74 (Prohibits solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election.)	Introduced 1/11/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Alabama	2022	HB 194 (Prohibits the solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election, with exceptions.)	Law 4/7/22	Does not cover contractors or government.
#6	Alaska	2021-22	HB 368 (Election division may not accept funding or material assistance for the administration of an election from a corporation, an individual, a foundation, an organization, or government, including the federal government.)	Introduced 2/22/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Arizona	2021	HB 2569 (Bans any state or public body that conducts or administers elections from receiving or giving private funds for election-related purposes, including registering voters.)	Law 4/9/21	Nothing

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#6	Arkansas	2021	H 1866 / Act 961 (Prohibits election officials from accepting any non-governmental source.)	Law 4/27/21	Only for county and state board of elections.
#6	Florida	2021	SB 90 (Prohibits state and local officials and certain agencies from accepting or using private funds for election-related expenses.)	Law 5/6/21	Nothing
#6	Florida	2022	SB 524 (Prohibits state and local officials who conduct elections from soliciting, accepting, or using private or NGO money for election-related expenses.)	Law 4/25/22	Nothing
#6	Georgia	2021-22	SB 202 (Prohibits election superintendents and boards of registrars from accepting private funds.)	Law 3/25/21	Other roles and state can accept private funds.
#6	Georgia	2021-22	HB 1402 (No state department or agency, county, municipality, consolidated government, state-wide or local authority, or other state or local government entity, nor any officer, agent, employee, or elected official of any such entity shall take, solicit, or accept any donations, funding, grants, or gifts from any private individual or nongovernmental entity for any purpose related to elections.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Idaho	2021	SB 1168 (Prohibits any county clerk, local elections office, or government body conducting an election from accepting or giving any grant, gift, or funding to or from a private entity.)	Law 4/26/21	Nothing
#6	Indiana	2022	SB 134 ("A political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not accept private money donations to prepare, administer, or conduct elections or to employ individuals on a temporary basis for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering voters. Requires all state agencies to submit to the budget agency a report of each individual state employee employed by the state agency whose salary is funded in whole or in part from donated money.)	Law 3/11/22	SOS may use private funds for elections via political subdivisions.

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#6	Iowa	2021-22	SSB 3143 (replaced by HF 2526 & SF 2343.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	HSB 719 (renumbered as HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	HF 2526 (Bans contributions from private sources: "The state commissioner, a county commissioner, or a political subdivision of the state shall not accept or expend a grant, gift, or other source of funding from a source other than those listed in subsection, including from a private person, corporation, partnership, political party, nonparty political organization, committee as defined in section 868A.102, or other organization for the purpose of conducting an election.")	Introduced 2/23/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	SF 2343 (Mirror of IA HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-23	HF 2589 (Election officials shall not accept money from private sources.)	Law 6/21/22	Nothing
#6	Kansas	2021-22	HB 2183 (Prohibits receipt and expenditure of private moneys by election officials.)	Gov. Laura Kelly (D) veto overridden; Law 5/3/21, effective 7/1/21	State and counties can receive private funds.
#6	Kentucky	2022	HB 153 (Prohibits state governmental body employees from accepting anything of value to assist with election administration.)	Introduced 12/10/21, died in committee 1/4/22	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.

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#6	Kentucky	2022	HB 301 (Requires all election administration costs and expenses paid for by public funds.)	Law 3/24/22; Gov. Andy Beshear (D) did not sign	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.
#6	Louisiana	2021	HB 20 (Prohibits any state or local official overseeing elections from accepting private donations.)	Gov. Bel Edwards (D) vetoed 6/7/21, Floor debate scheduled 6/9/21 never happened	Nothing
#6	Louisiana	2022	HB 811 (Stops elections offices from accepting private funding for elections.)	Passed state house 5/18/22, died in Senate 6/6/22	Nothing
#6	Michigan	2021	SB 0303 (Requires elections to be funded with public money.)	Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) vetoed 10/29/21	Nothing
#6	Michigan*	2022	Livingston County first county in state to ban private monies for administering elections.	Passed board of elections on 6/13/22	Grants can still be applied for and approved under strict scrutiny, though only one county.
#6	Minnesota	2021-22	SF 3333 (Bans counties, municipalities, and school districts "from accepting certain contributions for election expenses".)	Introduced 2/21/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Mississippi	2022	HB 1365 (Prohibits state and local election officials from soliciting and accepting private funds for elections.)	Law 4/1/22, Effective 7/1/22	Nothing
#6	Missouri	2021	SB 333 (Bans private organizations from contributing funds or in-kind donations to state and local elections offices.)	Died in Committee 5/13/21	Language somewhat vague
#6	Missouri	2022	HB 1878 ("[N]either the state of Missouri nor any political subdivision thereof that conducts elections shall receive or expend private moneys, excluding in-kind donations, for preparing, administering, or conducting an election, including registering voters.")	Law 5/18/22	Not enforced if insufficient appropriation of state funds to proportionally compensate counties.

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#6	Montana	2021	SB 335 (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in Committee 4/29/21	Nothing
#6	Montana	2023	SB 117 (Prohibits election offices from accepting private funding.)	Passed Senate and Transmitted to House 2/17/23	Nothing
#6	Nebraska	2021-22	LB 843 (The Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks shall not accept or use any gift, grant, or donation from any private entity for the purpose of preparing for, administering, or conducting an election unless the money received as a result of such gift, grant, or donation is appropriated to the Secretary of State for such use by the Legislature.)	Law 4/19/22	Allows for private funds if the legislature approves and appropriated to the SOS.
#6	North Carolina	2021	S 725 (Prohibits state and county boards of elections, and county commissioners from accepting private funding.)	Vetoed by Gov. Roy Cooper (D) 12/9/21	Only for county or state boards of elections or commissioners.
#6	North Dakota	2021	HB 1256 (Prohibits state and local officials for accepting or spending private contributions for elections.)	Law 4/16/21	Companies can still donate.
#6	Ohio	2021-22	HB 110 (Bars private funding of elections.)	Law 7/1/21	Contractors & governments ok.
#6	Oklahoma	2022	HB 3046 (Requires elections be paid for with public funds.)	Law 5/4/22	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	HB 1300 (Does not prohibit private funding for elections. Instead, the bill will make it secretary of the commonwealth's duty to receive private funding and distribute it equally across the counties of Pennsylvania with the oversight of the Election Law Advisory Board.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tom Wolf (D) 6/31/21	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	SB 982 (Prohibits private, nongovernmental funding for elections.)	Law 7/11/22	Nothing
#6	South Carolina	2021-22	H 3877 (Prohibits state and election officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Introduced 2/11/21, died in committee 6/21/21	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.

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#6	South Carolina	2021-22	SB 108 (Prohibits the state election commission and county election offices from accepting money from private individuals and groups.)	Law 5/13/22	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.
#6	South Dakota	2022	SB 122 (Bars private funding of elections except gifts of nominal and intrinsic value.)	Law 3/28/22	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	HB 0966 (Prohibits state and local elections officials from accepting outside funding for elections.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	SB 1534 (A person shall not contribute, including in-kind contributions, donate, pay, or otherwise transfer money or equipment to the state election commission or the coordinator of elections, a county election commission, local government, administrator, registrar, or other election official for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Texas	2021-22	SB 7 (Prohibits county officials accepting any donation larger than $1,000, unless it is approved by the secretary of state, governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the state House.)	Law 5/30/21	SOS may approve private donations of over $1,000
#6	Texas	2021	HB 2283 (County officials can't accept donations over $1,000, unless SOS, Gov., Lt. Gov., and speaker of the House OK it.)	Law 6/18/21	Government officials may approve private donations of over $1,000 unrelated to election spaces
#6	Utah	2022	SB 0219 (This bill prohibits an election officer from soliciting, accepting, or using funds donated for an election by a person other than a government entity.)	Law 3/23/22	Covers only elections officers
#6	Virginia	2022	SB 80 (Bars state and local elections officials from soliciting, accepting, using, or disposing of money, grants, property, or services from an individual or NGO for voter education, outreach, registration programs, or other election costs.)	Law 4/11/22	Only covers certain boards

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#6	West Virginia	2021	SB 565 (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Senate passed 3/24/21 but died in committee	State Election Commission prior written approval allows private funds
#6	West Virginia	2022	HB 4097 (Donations from private individuals and entities go into a state fund the State Election Commission uses.)	Law 3/30/22	Private funds can go into treasury with approval.
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	AB 173 (Prohibits election officials from accepting private funds without permission from state Elections Commission. If permission given, then donation must be distributed to municipalities per capita. The Joint Committee on Finance must oversee any dispersions of money.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 6/30/21, died in Rules Committee 11/15/21, Senate Joint Resolution 101 passed 2/22/22 but failed 5/17/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	SJR 101 (Constitutional amendment proposed: (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for or accept any donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration, and no donation or grant of private resources may be used for purposes of election administration. (2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in election administration.)	Passed legislature 2/22/22, enrolled in Joint Resolution 17 must pass a second time and then citizens vote to add it to the constitution	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	SB 935 (No official or agent of a state agency, county, city, village, or town may apply for or accept any donation or grant of moneys, equipment, materials, or personnel from an individual or NGO for election administration, unless election statutes authorize.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 4/8/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	Walworth County first to ban private monies for administering elections.	Passed local board of supervisors on 4/21/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.

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#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	Kenosha County bans NGO/private monies.	Resolution passed 6/16/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	Ozaukee County resolution to ban private monies.	Resolution passed 7/6/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections
#6	Wyoming	2021	SF 0142 (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in committee 4/1/21	Nothing

About Look Ahead America

Look Ahead America is an America First nonprofit dedicated to standing up for patriotic Americans who have been forgotten by our government.

We aren't just talk; we're action. That action means deploying our R.E.T. (Register, Educate, Turnout to Vote) field programs across the country. It means leading Patriot Actions and training citizens to lobby their state and local governments for America First causes. Finally, it means ensuring voter integrity by investigating cases of illegal ballots and advocating for election reform to prevent them from being cast.

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Without the volunteers working daily to introduce and pass legislation in their states, we would not be able to report on the continued progress and success; your work has helped to influence other states' legislation and bring attention to these six key policy objectives, thank you.

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Good morning,

LAA's Analysis of Rep. Paul Gosar's Voting Equipment Bill

Nothing will help restore confidence in our elections more than banning black box voting equipment, and the study of open source alternatives required by Representative Paul Gosar's HB466 is a great first step.

To view LAA's analysis of HB466, see the attached PDF or visit https://lookaheadamerica.org/USHB466.

To learn more about open source versus black box voting, visit https://lookaheadamerica.org/blackbox/.

February Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

On Tuesday, February 28th, we will host another Community Organizer Training Webinar at 7 PM Eastern / 4 PM Pacific.

Registration is limited to the first 100 people and as a supporter of our organization, we invite you to attend for only $5. Please schedule up to three hours; time varies depending on the number of participants. You must register in advance and attend the full webinar in order to earn the Community Organizer - Basic Certification.

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February 27 • The Shadow of the Torturer by Gene Wolfe (first of four volumes in The Book of the New Sun series (7-10 chapters a week for the next month)

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Look Ahead America has advocated for the political prisoners of January 6th with rallies, candlelight vigils, and our Political Prisoner Podcast.

"Jobs for #J6" serves as a connection for employers able to employ those seeking work who've lost their livelihoods—not for what they have done but for what they believe.

If you are a Political Prisoner of #J6 or able to offer employment to one, please go to https://lookaheadamerica.org/jobsforj6/ to join our movement to help them rebuild their lives.

In the News

Phillyburbs.com

"Look Ahead America, founded in 2017 by an ex-campaign staffer for former President Donald Trump, has been lobbying for many of those changes.

According to Executive Director Matt Braynard, his team has met with state representatives and senators across America as part of their efforts, including in Pennsylvania. About two dozen states have announced new election-related bills since 2021, and nearly half of them have become law, he said."

https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/politics/elections/2023/02/15/pa-voter-id-law-top-priority-senate-bill-republicans-legislature/69855377007/

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LAA's REVIEW OF US H.B. 466

(Legislation to require a study of open source voting equipment and mandating the use of paper ballots)

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Background of US H.B. 466

United States Congress Representative of Arizona and Republican Paul Gosar introduced US House Bill 466 on January 24, 2023.[1] The bill aims to address the issues with voting machines brought to the public forefront after the 2020 and 2022 General Elections.

Open Source vs. "Black Box" Voting Machines

"Black Box" voting equipment uses proprietary, non-public software and hardware designs, and according to a study by Princeton University, are susceptible to undetected hacking and manipulation.

The alternative is to mandate that all election equipment use open-source software and design that is available for inspection and review by the public and technology organizations to ensure the validity and accuracy of vote counting.

Open-source election software and hardware, paired with paper ballots, will remove the potential for tampering as well as the suspicion of tampering.[2]

For answers to frequently asked questions about Black Box Voting, please visit https://lookaheadamerica.org/blackbox/

Summary of US H.B. 466

The 13-page bill aims to amend the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 by requiring voting systems used for Federal office to produce a paper ballot of each vote cast. The title of the bill is "Securing America's Elections Act of 2023."

The bill requires the production of a voter-verified paper ballot of the voter's vote. Voter-verified means a paper ballot marked by the voter or produced by an electronic voting machine and made available for inspection by the voter before the voter casts it to be counted.

If the voter finds that the ballot does not reflect what they voted, or should they change their mind prior to casting, they have an opportunity to correct. Should there be a dispute due to paper ballots being compromised then the state will resolve the dispute over the results of the election under regulations by the commission. (Note: no such regulations have yet been proposed as the bill is introduced, but it states that the deadline for such regulations would be no later than November 1, 2023.)

[1] https://legiscan.com/US/text/HB466/id/2683420
[2] https://lookaheadamerica.org/integrity/

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The voting system will not preserve the ballots in any such way to associate the voter with a record of their vote.

Each paper ballot will be suitable for manual audits equivalent to a paper ballot system. Machines used for such an audit will not be connected to the Internet. If no such machine is available, then a hand count must be used.

The cost of such a proposal would be designated by Congress as for an emergency requirement in order to assist states that need to purchase or adapt equipment to meet such requirements. The costs "shall be equal to the State's estimate of the reasonable costs the State expects to incur to meet the requirements." Any state that receives payments from funds appropriated for the year 2020 [sic 2023] shall agree to repay the commission any overpayments. States are eligible to receive payments for 2023 if: (1) the chief executive officer of the state files a statement describing how the use of the payment will meet the requirements put forth relating to ballot verification and audit capacity, (2) provides an estimate of reasonable costs, and (3) certifies that the state will file a statement with the actual costs incurred upon completing the replacement or upgrade of the voter systems.

For states that require state legislation to carry out any activity covered by any certification in this act, the state shall be permitted to make the certification so long as the legislation has not been enacted at the time the certification is submitted. Any such states shall submit an additional certification once such necessary legislation is enacted. Everything outlined above regarding funding would apply to fiscal year 2023.

The bill also requires that the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Election Assistance Commission to act jointly and perform a study on the feasibility and desirability of using open source software based on information from Federal elections from 2020 – 2022. The report would be due no later than July 1, 2025 which would include recommendations and considerations of open-source software for voting systems used to administer elections for Federal office held in 2024.

Should the study recommend the use of open-source software in voting systems, then the commission should enter into a partnership with private entities engaged in maintaining open-source software for Federal elections to be held in 2028 and beyond. Additionally, such software will be available to state election officials without cost.

Analysis of US H.B. 466

This is a big step in the right direction. The idea of having a voter-verified paper ballot is so that the voter can have confidence in knowing that their ballot reflects what they voted. No votes should be cast digitally where the voter has to hope and trust that the machine captured and recorded their vote correctly. Look Ahead America 100% endorses US H.B. 466.

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This is not a right-wing issue nor one championed by "election deniers" as both US Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) introduced a bipartisan bill in late 2022 advocating for the use and protection of open source software.[3] TechCrunch.com praised the bill as taking a step in the right direction.[4] Therefore, the same logic and support should apply to voting machines. Additionally, the bill provides the financial means to support states that need to replace and upgrade its (frankly outdated and vulnerable) voting equipment.

The only slight recommendation for improvement would be that the paper ballots do not use machine readable items such as QR codes and barcodes, as those are not human readable. Use of open source material such as ScanTron style ballots that reflect the marked contests would ensure that the machines read what the humans read without any intermediary. Hopefully, when the legislators are discussing the bill and the costs associated with it, this can be introduced into an amended version of US H.B. 466.

To reiterate the importance of this bill, we emphasize that if this bill mandates paper ballots for all voting machines, that would be a vastly huge improvement over the current system in place.

Bill Sponsor Contact Information

If you wish to voice your support for this bill, then please contact Mr. Gosar's office and thank him for introducing it and voice your opinion:

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We also recommend sending this report to your own US Representatives and Senators to encourage their support on the matter.

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[3] https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4913/text
[4] https://techcrunch.com/2022/11/18/the-us-securing-open-source-software-act-of-2022-is-a-step-in-the-right-direction/

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Good morning,

Pennsylvania Election Integrity Bills

Our Research Group recently reviewed four bills from the state of Pennsylvania, all of them involving election integrity: S.B. 1, 127, 130 and 193. All of these bills are great, and two of them incorporate Look Ahead America's public policy objectives for election integrity.

To read the report, please see attached or https://lookaheadamerica.org/pa2023bills/.

For the press release: https://lookaheadamerica.org/pa2023billspr/.

Two New Political Prisoner Podcasts

- Tim Rivers joined our podcast to discuss a book he's published, a compilation of letters and artwork from #J6 political prisoners document their mistreatment, abuse, and resilience.
- Journalist and American patriot Shawn Witzemann shares how his life was taken apart for engaging in "wrongthink" on January 6th.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S 2023 ELECTION INTEGRITY BILLS REVIEWED

(S.B. 1, 127, 130, 193)

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Summaries of Bills

In 2023, Pennsylvania's state Republican senators introduced several new laws pertaining to strengthening voter integrity.

S.B. 1, the strongest bill of the pack, includes a constitutional amendment for voter identification in Pennsylvania.

Other bills like S.B. 193 ~~to~~ clean the voter rolls of bloat before an election and minimize mail-in vulnerabilities. This bill ~~by increasing~~ increases the speed of removing dead voters from the rolls to a week instead of two months to remove someone.

S.B. 130, an amendment to protect election audits, makes sure funding for audits continues.

S.B. 127, a bill to empower local and county election boards to protect minority parties and ensure representation in audits, makes sure that one party or group does not dominate in the elections. This particularly matters in urban areas which have one-party control and tend to be locations of vote audit centers.~~.~~

Summary of S.B. 193

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in changes in records, further providing for death of registrant:~~.~~

"A commission shall cancel the registration of a registered elector reported dead by the Department of Health. The Department of Health shall, within [60] seven days of receiving notice of the death of an individual 18 years of age or older, send the name and address of residence of that individual to a commission in a manner and on a form prescribed by the department. The commission shall promptly update information contained in its registration records."[1]

Analysis of S.B. 193

This bill ~~also~~ has some overlap with LAA's election integrity policy objective #2 in regard~~ing~~s to the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and Master Death File (MDF)~~SSDI and MDF.~~.
Although ~~not perfect in that~~ it could incorporate the SSDI and MDF ~~Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and Master Death File (MDF)~~ to be more accurate and thorough, the bill certainly

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~~certainly~~ improves the current situation by expediting the Department of Health's notification of death ~~a~~ from two-months down to a week in order to remove a dead voter from the rolls. ~~wait to one week for the Department of Health notification of death. This bill also has some overlap with LAA's election integrity policy objective #2 regarding the SSDI and MDF.~~

Summary of S.B. 130

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for election audits.

"The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That Article VII be amended by adding a section to read: § 15. Election audits. The General Assembly shall by statute provide for the auditing of elections and election results by the Auditor General. In years when the Auditor General stands for election to any office, an Independent Auditor shall conduct the audit.

Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

(1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

(2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania."[2]

Analysis of S.B. 130

Pennsylvania currently has two post-election audits designed to check the accuracy of vote counting election machines, and are insufficient from an election security standpoint. This constitutional amendment would require~~s~~ the General Assembly to provide funding for the auditing of ~~elections. Pennsylvania currently has two post-election audits designed to check the accuracy of vote counting election machines. While the current audits are insufficient from an election security standpoint, this constitutional amendment would likely protect~~elections to protect ~~any~~ additional audits passed by the General Assembly ~~that may~~ beyond the two currently in place ~~be passed by the General Assembly.~~. In other words, two audits may not be

[2] https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/pa/2023-2024/bills/PAB00027048/

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enough to get to the bottom of a discrepancy, but the current system only allows for two; the amendment provides opportunity for more election audits and funds them in order to provide clarity and thoroughness on elections. Having discovered the issues in Pennsylvania in our report during 2020, this seems like an absolutely necessary amendment to clear up discrepancies that were discovered.[3]

Summary of S.B. 127

An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections, in county boards of elections, further providing for county boards of elections and membership.

~~The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:~~
~~Section 1. Section 301 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended to read:~~

Section 301. County Boards of Elections; Membership. —

(a) There shall be a county board of elections in and for each county of this Commonwealth, which shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of primaries and elections in such county, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(b) In each county of the Commonwealth, the county board of elections shall consist of the county commissioners of such county ex officio, or any officials or board who are performing or may perform the duties of the county commissioners, who shall serve without additional compensation as such. Except in counties of the first class, in counties which have adopted home rule charters or optional plans the board of elections shall consist of the members of the county body which performs legislative functions unless the county charter or optional plan provides for the appointment of the board of elections. In either case, there shall be minority representation on the board. The county body which performs legislative functions shall in the case where the board does not contain minority representation appoint such representation from a list submitted by the county chairman of the minority party. A member of the county board of elections may not serve as a State party officer.

(c) Whenever a member of the board of county commissioners is a candidate for nomination or election to any public office, the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas shall appoint a judge or an elector of the county to serve in his stead. Whenever there appears on the ballot a question relating to the adoption of a Home Rule Charter for the county or amendments to an existing county Home Rule Charter, the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas shall appoint judges or electors of the county to serve in the stead of the county

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commissioners. Appointees who are not currently elected office holders shall receive compensation for such service as determined by the salary board plus mileage as specified by the county for expenses incurred when performing election board business. An appointee may not serve as a State party officer.

(d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: "State party officer." An individual elected by the members of the State committee of a political party to serve as an officer or in a leadership role.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days[4]

Analysis of S.B. 127

This bill effectively empowers local counties to oversee election boards and that those election boards must contain minority party members (providing the county party leader the power to appoint board members when the respective party has no representative). This aligns with LAA's election integrity policy objective #4 by providing minority party oversight in the board of elections, particularly in those areas dominated by one party.

Summary of S.B. 1

This bill is a joint compromise in order to enact a constitutional amendment:

The first part of the bill provides survivors of childhood sexual abuse another two years to sue authorities that participated in and covered up said abuse (churches, governments, etc.) currently limited by statutes of limitations. Pennsylvania House Speaker (D) Mark Rozzi agreed that if this clause were in the bill, then he would endorse the second part involving a constitutional amendment regarding voter ID.

The second half of the bill would require valid photo identification whenever voting in person or by mail. Should a qualified person lack valid identification, they may upon request and confirmation receive government-issued identification at no cost to them. This item would then be on the May 2023 ballot for voters to vote on if it passed both chambers.[5]

Analysis of S.B. 1

[4] https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/pa/2023-2024/bills/PAB00027104/

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The ~~fact~~ idea that voter identification is controversial and opposed by minorities is a myth. ~~For example, t~~The University of Georgia ~~recently~~ released a post-election survey regarding Georgia voters in 2022 in which it~~. In it, the survey~~ asked for Georgia voters' opinions on recently passed voting integrity laws in Georgia. The Biden administration characterized these laws as ~~characterized by the Biden administration as~~ "Jim Crow 2.0," and yet *zero* percent of black and non-white voters described their experiences as "poor."[6] In ~~sum~~short, everyone ~~wants~~ supports laws that provide increased security ~~which help~~to ~~to~~ restore faith in the protection of elections.~~n~~

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Additionally, the bill provides free identification to those who request ~~it~~ and qualify for it~~. The bill~~ leaving no ~~provides no~~ excuses for ~~those without~~anybody to not provide identification while voting.~~, qualify as a voting citizen, and cannot afford it to vote without identification. The fact that i~~It has bipartisan support ~~in the house to become a potential amendment is a huge step in the right direction~~, and we certainly hope that Pennsylvanians vote to pass voter ID into law as a state amendment.

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1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.
2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.
3. Ban on the Use of "Black Box" Voting Equipment.
4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.
5. Creation and Funding of a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State's Attorney General's Office.
6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

These objectives inform our analysis of these bills and other election integrity reform efforts.

You can find additional information at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

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[6] https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23584107-spia-poll

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13 of Virginia's Election Integrity Bills Reviewed

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THIRTEEN OF VIRGINIA'S ELECTION INTEGRITY BILLS REVIEWED

(S.B. 794, 844, 880, 900, 968, and H.B. 1377, 1444, 1467, 1499, 1847, 1877, 1901, 1947)

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Summaries of Bills

In 2020, faced with COVID-19, our country saw a dramatic increase in vote-by-mail ballots. Yet COVID-19 did not deter voters as approximately 155 million people voted, of which 69%, or 107 million voters, cast ballots by mail.[1] [2] This represents a significant increase from 2016, in which only 40% of voters used mail to vote. 2020 also brought about claims of massive voter and election fraud. While sensational levels of fraud seem unlikely, voter fraud indeed occurs.

Because of the hotly contested 2020 election, many states with both Republican and Democrat legislatures introduced a flurry of new bills aimed at changing election laws.

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Summary of S.B. 880

Introduced by Republican Senators McDougle, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Hackworth, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Ruff and Stanley, this bill amends 24.2-701.1.

As of this writing S.B.880[3] is passed by indefinitely. This means that it allows a committee to reconsider legislation at a later meeting. If the committee takes no further action, the bill is dead. It is basically a soft pass, but the bill is not dead per se.[4] Another bill with similar items

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[1] DeSilver, D. (2021, January 28). *Turnout soared in 2020 as nearly two-thirds of eligible U.S. voters cast ballots for president*. Pew Research Center. https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/01/28/turnout-soared-in-2020-as-nearly-two-thirds-of-eligible-u-s-voters-cast-ballots-for-president/

[2] U.S. Census Bureau. (2021, April 29). *What Methods Did People Use to Vote in the 2020 Election?* The United States Census Bureau. https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/04/what-methods-did-people-use-to-vote-in-2020-election.html

[3] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/SB880/2023

[4] https://sgr.virginia.edu/frequently-used-terms

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may be progressing and the members of the party of subcommittee are waiting to see if it dies or not before revisiting this one.

This bill reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to seven days before Election Day through the Saturday prior at 5 PM. (In other words, there are five days to vote early.)

Analysis of S.B. 880

In terms of reducing the window for fraud, it is an improvement; 45 days for early voting is absurd as that makes political debates and campaigns meaningless if one has already voted. It does not handle other security issues, but in terms of the length of time that one can manipulate the system it shrinks it significantly.

Summary of H.B. 1901, 1499, and 1877

These bills are for all intents and purposes the same bill with minor differences in specificity. The most specific of the bunch has progressed unlike the other two:

H.B. 1901 introduced by Republican Delegate Durant amends 24.2-701 and 24.2-701.1. It states that the registrar's office must be open a minimum of eight hours on the two Saturdays prior to all elections, and it removes specific times when the office must remain open. This bill reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to 14 days before Election Day through the Saturday prior to Election Day. (In other words, there are 12 days to vote early.)

H.B. 1499 introduced by Republican Delegates Runion, Anderson, Campbell, and Orrock amends 24.2-701 and it too is laying on the table.[5] This bill reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to 14 days before Election Day until 5 pm the Saturday prior to Election Day. (In other words, there are 12 days to vote early.)

H.B. 1877 introduced by Republican Delegates Scott, Runion, and Fowler amends 24.2-701 and 24.2-701.1. [6] It has been recommended for reporting with a substitute, and the committee substitute has been printed. This means a redrafting of legislation that incorporates proposed changes in a new version, often referred to as a "substitute." Substitutes are offered by a standing committee, a member, a committee of conference, or the Governor.[7] This bill requires that the registrar's office must be open 7 am – 7 pm on the two Saturdays prior to all elections. Additionally, it reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to 14 days before Election

[5] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1499/2023

[6] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1877/2023

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Day until 7 pm the Saturday prior to Election Day. Finally, it allows absentee voting in person available only from Monday-Saturday between 7 am – 7 pm daily. (In other words, there are 11 days to vote early.)

Analysis of H.B. 1901, 1499, and 1877

Forty-five days for early voting is absurd as that makes political debates and campaigns meaningless if one has already voted. Of the bunch, H.B. 1877 is the strongest given that it has the least amount of early voting days and, more importantly, it gives specifics on times as to when early voting and registration occurs. While it does not handle other security issues, in terms of the length of time that one can manipulate the system it shrinks it significantly. This is more likely to pass than S.B. 880 as it is less restrictive, also it is more specific in its requirements.

Summary of S.B. 794, 900 and 968

These bills are for all intents and purposes the same bill with minor differences in specificity. The most specific of the bunch has progressed unlike the other two:

S.B. 794 introduced by Republican Senators McDougle and Dunnavant amends 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701, 242.2-701.1.[8] As of this writing, it is passed by indefinitely. This bill adds a requirement of voter photo identification cards with a signature and photo, and that registrars will provide one for the voter if they cannot afford one or get the means themselves. The DMV may be able to assist with the production and manufacturing of said cards. It also deletes the use of voter confirmation documents as acceptable proof of identification to vote, which includes a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document containing the name and address of the voter. It also allows any valid student identification so long as it contains a photograph of the voter. Instead of signing an attestation form under perjury as is currently the case, the voter gets a provisional ballot.

S.B. 900 introduced by Republican Senators McDougle, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Hackworth, Hanger, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Pillion, Reeves, Ruff, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Vogel amends 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701 and 242.2-701.1 as well.[9] As of this writing, it has been referred to the special privileges and elections committee. It has the same stipulations as S.B. 794 almost verbatim.

S.B. 900 introduced by Republican Senators Peake and Ruff amends 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701 and 242.2-701.1 as well. As of this writing, it has been

[8] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/SB794/2023
[9] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/SB900/2023

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incorporated by the special privileges and elections committee. By that it means action has been taken to combine one or more measures into another. It has the same stipulations as S.B. 794 and S.B. 900 almost verbatim, and so likely there are elements of this bill worked into S.B. 900 given that S.B. 794 has been passed by indefinitely.

Analysis of S.B. 794, 900 and 968

These bills actually deal with election integrity and security. Photo identification cards with a signature and photo, including student photo ID, are a must. Voter confirmation documents can easily be faked and provide no evidence that the voter is who they say that they are. This would not be acceptable in other areas of government by themselves as they are considered secondary source documents, and therefore they have no place for use as evidence of primary identification in elections.

Summary of H.B. 1947

H.B. 1947 introduced by Republican Delegate Bloxom amends 24.2-703.1.[10] As of this writing, is has been referred to the committee on privileges and elections. This bill changes the process of an application for receiving an absentee ballot from being a one-time, permanent process to an annual one that only applies for a calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The registrar will send a new application every December 15 to a voter who wishes to renew for the following year, with no ballot sent to the voter until they file a new one. The application requires the voter's printed name, date of birth, and the last four digits of his social security number at a minimum.

Analysis of H.B. 1947

This bill is an improvement over the current system as it prevents people who have permanently moved out of state with no intention to return to continue to vote in a state where they have no formal interest. Until Virginia makes better use of the National Change of Address (NCOA) database to investigate and remove ineligible voters, this prevents people from taking advantage of this no excuse, permanent absentee ballot system and requires people to show that they intend to remain as an absentee, as it also prevents the likelihood of someone stealing absentee ballots every year for elections and filling them out.

Summary of H.B. 1377

[10] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1947/2023

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H.B. 1947 introduced by Republican Delegate Greenhalgh amends 24.2-427.[11] As of this writing, it has passed the House and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the Senate. The bill states that the general registrar will cancel each person's registration within seven days of discovering that the person is no longer entitled to be registered. The current law states that a voter's registration may be cancelled at any time during the year in which the general registrar discovers that the person is no longer entitled to be registered. Reasons to disqualify include the voter being dead or disqualified due to a felony conviction, being declared mentally incompetent, or is not a US citizen under SAVE, or if the voter signs a notice of moving out of VA, or if another registration official does this.

Analysis of H.B. 1377

This bill touches on LAA's election integrity public policy objective #2: Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene. The objective mentions use of the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), and Master Death File Matching, as well as using the USCIS's SAVE Database. This is a good bill and seeing as how it passed the House, this is a good sign. Including the NCOA and shared interstate residency databases would improve the strength of this bill, but overall this is a great step towards election integrity. If it passes the Senate, then it is quite likely that Governor Younkin will sign it into law, which will be ideal as this bill of all the ones analyzed in this report comes closest to accomplishing the six election integrity objectives from LAA.

Summary of S.B. 844

S.B. 844 introduced by Republican Senator Chase amends 24.2-101, 24.2-115.2, 24.2-124.1, 24.2-402, 24.2-404, 24.2-406, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-420.1, 24.2-427, 24.2-452, 24.2-518, 24.2-603.1, 24.2-604.3, 24.2-609, 24.2-611, 24.2-612, 24.2-613, 24.2-625 through 24.2-630, 24.2-632 through 24.2-646, 24.2-647, 24.2-649, 24.2-649.1, 24.2-651, 24.2-652, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-654, 24.2-661 through 24.2-668, 24.2-671.2, 24.2-700, 24.2-701, 24.2-702.1, 24.2-703.1, 24.2-703.2, 24.2-706, 24.2-707, 24.2-709, 24.2-709.1, 24.2-710, 24.2-712, 24.2-802, 24.2-802.1, 24.2-802.2, 24.2-814, 24.2-1004, 24.2-1009, and 24.2-1010; adds a section 24.2-709.2; and repeals 24.2-631, 24.2-646.1, 24.2-648, 24.2-657, 24.2-658, 24.2-659, 24.2-701.1, and 24.2-701.2.[12] As of this writing, it has been referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

The bill adds three definitions: "ballot," "ballot marking device," and "ballot system." It also deletes five definitions: "direct recording electronic machine," "machine-readable ballot," "paper ballot," "printed ballot," and "voting system." References to paper, printed, and machine-readable ballots in the bill are instead "ballots" without any adjectives.

[11] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1377/2023

[12] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/SB884/2023

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It also changes the use of “election machine” to “election equipment” through the bill. The bill removes mentions of “voting systems, electronic pollbooks equipment or programming” and changes these to “ballot marking devices” (BMDs). It also removes e-pollbook and election or voting machine references, instead using “ballot systems” as a replacement. It does allow for the use of one BMD for disabled people and alternative language accessibility on this device where required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The bill removes references to voter satellite offices. It also requires photo identification for registration and voting, and removes the ability to sign a sworn affidavit and register or vote without this information.

S.B. 844 also eliminates use of late registration / same day registration with the exception of military and their spouse and dependents. (In other words, for people deployed suddenly or given sudden notice that they must leave.) No-excuse absentee ballots also vanish: military and spouses must provide evidence of service branch, students must provide evidence of school and enrollment, those with disabilities, illnesses, or pregnancies must sign an affirmation of such condition, those awaiting trial or convicted of a misdemeanor must provide the institution where confined, business travelers must provide the name of business/employer, those on vacation/personal business must provide the Virginia county or city, or other state or country of travel, those who are caretakers must provide relationships to the family member, those who have religious exemption must sign a statement to that effect, those commuting long distances due to work must provide an employer and travel time/distance, law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and search and rescue personnel must sign an affirmation that they are, candidates must state that they are and will not be at their location, and those with protective orders must state the county or city or state of the issuing court. The statement and evidence must then be witnessed and signed, or it must be notarized.

It adds that any ballot scanning machine in the precinct shall remain locked against use until the polls are formally closed and all ballots have been manually tabulated. It also deletes: “No voting or counting machines, including inoperative machines, shall be removed from the plain view of the officers of election or from the polling place at any time during the election and through the determination of the vote as provided in §24.2-657 except as explicitly provided pursuant to the provisions of this title.

No voting or counting machine that has become inoperative and contains votes may be removed from the polling place while the polls are open and votes are being ascertained. If the officers of election are unable to ascertain the results from the inoperative machine after the polls close in order to add its results to the results from the other machines in that precinct, the officers of election shall lock and seal the machine without removing the memory card, cartridge, or data storage medium and deliver the machine to either the clerk of court or registrar's office as provided for in § 24.2-659. On the day following the election, the electoral board shall meet and ascertain the results from the inoperative machine in accordance with the

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procedures prescribed by the machine's manufacturer and add the results to the results for the precinct to which the machine was assigned."

Only official ballots as redefined may be counted, and unofficial ballots must be put aside, not counted, and noted in the statement of results. It also adds that manual tabulation must come first in front of those who may be present lawfully, and only then they may use the machines to confirm the results in front of them in which the seal will be removed and made sure it has been zeroed out. Any discrepancies between these may result in a manual recount if the officers present vote by a majority. The last manual tabulation will be accepted as correct and the final results, not the machine count. These will then be announced by the officers and placed in a counted ballot container or envelope and entered in the statement of results. This applies to risk limiting audits at precincts, which only use manual hand counts.

The bill eliminates the receipt of late envelopes as acceptable. It also eliminates as acceptable missing signatures or non-matching signatures on the absentee envelope; this will be handled as a provisional ballot with the option to contact the voter and for the voter to cure the ballot for it to count officially.

The bill also eliminates the counting of ballots at the Department of Elections, rather it must be done by hand at the precincts. Furthermore, it eliminates the definition of overvotes and undervotes from the general recount definitions.

Analysis of S.B. 844

There are some great things like requirement of voter identification, removal of sworn affidavits in lieu of ID, and removing no excuse absentee ballots, it also has some very bizarre deletions and confusing definitions.

For example, it eliminates counting of overvotes and undervotes, which are needed for numerical accuracy and accountability. It also seems to have no issue with the removal of tabulating machines from a location before the end of the day, which seems odd considering that it would present a security and integrity issue.

Furthermore, it contradicts itself at the outset by deleting the definition of "printed ballot" under definitions, but then it also uses that same term within the new definition of "ballot" without actually explaining what printed ballot means now that it has been deleted from definitions. ("Ballot" means a tangible ballot that is printed on paper and includes both ballots that can only be manually counted and printed ballots designed to be used with a ballot system and that can be tabulated by a ballot scanner machine.) This makes understanding the bill extremely confusing and circular; it would appear that the author intended for printed ballot in the original sense to mean an onsite printed ballot using thermal paper by voting machines,

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whereas now the definition used under ballot means pre-printed ballots done offsite and brought to a location.

At a minimum, this bill needs to clean up its language and clarify a number of points before moving forward. An issue that we foresee with some of the language used for attesting to disabilities and illnesses as a reason for absentee ballots are that this is self-defined, and will result in the same issue we saw in Wisconsin in 2020 in that this allowed for mass-mail-in ballots under the guise of "indefinitely confined" voters who claimed to use age, illness and infirmity as an excuse. A better solution would be to require a doctor's contact information that can confirm the pregnancy, illness, or disability; the principle of third-party trust should apply when using security measures, and asking people to self-diagnose is a recipe for disaster.

Summary of H.B. 1444

H.B. 1444 introduced by Republican Delegates Ware and McGuire amends 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701, 24.2-701.1, 24.2-709, and 24.2-709.1 and repeals 24.2-703.1.[13] As of this writing, it has been assigned to the privileges and elections subcommittee #1.

This bill adds a requirement of voter photo identification cards with a signature and photo, and that registrars will provide one for the voter if they cannot afford one or get the means themselves. The DMV may be able to assist with the production and manufacturing of said cards. It also deletes the use of voter confirmation documents as acceptable proof of identification to vote, which includes a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document containing the name and address of the voter. It also allows any valid student identification so long as it contains a photograph of the voter. Instead of signing an attestation form under perjury as is currently the case, the voter gets a provisional ballot.

The bill adds that the electoral board or general registrar may provide for extended hours for absentee voting in person.

H.B. 1444 reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to seven days before Election Day through the Saturday prior at 5 PM. (In other words, there are five days to vote early.)

It also eliminates the current permissions of allowing the late receipt of absentee ballots; all ballots must be received by Election Day, regardless of postmarked date.

This bill removes ballot envelope examination power from the registrars and gives it to two officers of election – one from each political party –to verify completion of the required voter's

[13] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1444/2023

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material information. The registrars may, however, open the return envelope and send the unopened sealed ballot envelope containing the ballot to the central absentee voter precinct where it will be held until absentee ballots are processed and counted. Additionally, only officers may open sealed ballot envelopes. Furthermore, any locations where sealed ballots envelopes are opened and the ballots extracted are designated a central absentee voter precinct and must follow provisions for that type of location, and must be administered by officers of elections. Any incorrect or incomplete return ballot envelopes must be returned by election officers to the registrar with the sealed ballot envelope inside.

Lastly, the bill repeals the existence of a state permanent absentee voter list.

Analysis of H.B. 1444

Seemingly a combination of elements from S.B. 844, 880, 794, 900, and 968 and H.B. 1947, the most distinguishing aspect of H.B. 1444 comes from it giving the power to the two election officers of different political parties to examine absentee ballots. The advantage of this process would prevent any one person or party to be in charge of absentee ballots, and thereby prevent potential stuffing of votes or, for that matter, accepting of ballots that do not legally qualify. The other elements have been positively reviewed in the above sections, but it is important that virtually every element of the inspection process have two sets of eyes as this will resolve potential election security issues.

Summary of H.B. 1467

H.B. 1467 introduced by Republican Delegate Wyatt amends 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-420.1, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701, 24.2-701.1, 24.2-706, 24.2-707, 24.2-709, and 24.2-709.1 and repeals 24.2-707.1.[14] As of this writing, it was assigned to the privileges and elections subcommittee #1.

This bill adds a requirement of voter photo identification cards with a signature and photo, and that registrars will provide one for the voter if they cannot afford one or get the means themselves. The DMV may be able to assist with the production and manufacturing of said cards. It also deletes the use of voter confirmation documents as acceptable proof of identification to vote, which includes a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document containing the name and address of the voter. It also allows any valid student identification so long as it contains a photograph of the voter. Instead of signing an attestation form under perjury as is currently the case, the voter gets a provisional ballot.

[14] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1467/2023

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It also eliminates use of late registration / same day registration with the exception of military and their spouse and dependents. (In other words, for people deployed suddenly or given sudden notice that they must leave.)

H.B. 1467 reduces early voting from 45 days before Election Day to six days before Election Day through the Saturday prior at 5 PM. (In other words, there are four days to vote early.) It also deletes the electoral board or general registrar being able to provide for absentee voting in person in such offices on Sundays.

This bill also deletes all references to drop off locations (aka drop boxes) for mail-in and absentee ballots. It also requires that if returned by mail it must be postmarked on or before Saturday before the election, nor may any person return an absentee ballot after the closing of the polls on election day. Even if the voter is in line to return an absentee ballot at a drop-off location by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election, they are not permitted to deposit the absentee ballot. In addition, the voter must have a witness sign the absentee ballot envelope or else it will be rendered void.

Lastly, the bill repeals the existence of a state permanent absentee voter list.

Analysis of H.B. 1467

This bill is largely a mix of H.B. 1444 (and the bills mentioned prior to it), however, this bill distinguishes itself from the pack by allowing two officers to open absentee ballots, but instead it reduces early voting to six days and eliminates drop boxes. It also has a hard cutoff for absentee ballots, not allowing for in person drop offs if in line nor late post marking. Lastly, it does not allow for curing as it simply renders no witness signatures as a void ballot.

In some ways it is an improvement upon H.B. 1444, and even S.B. 880 as it reduces early voting to six days. Its best feature is the elimination of drop boxes and a hard cutoff for receipt of absentee ballots. Though it may seem harsh to cut off people in line with absentee ballots, they were supposed to mail them the Saturday before (if they really were absentee) or could just come inside and drop them off; otherwise they are not absentee and should be voting in person. Likely a liberal activist group will sue for disenfranchisement, but if it combines the aspect of H.B. 1444 which requires the reasons why one has to get an absentee ballot then it will be a form of protection for the administrators and state that the person was not expected to be back that day. With a bit of tweaking this could be a strong bill, even if one removes the cutoff of the people in line with absentee ballots.

Summary of H.B. 1847

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H.B. 1847 introduced by Republican Delegate LaRock amends 15.2-1400, 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-420.1, 24.2-452, 24.2-612, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-671.2, 24.2-700, 24.2-701, 24.2-701.1, 24.2-702.1, 24.2-703.2, 24.2-706, 24.2-707, 24.2-709, 24.2-709.1, and 24.2-1004, and repeals 24.2-403.1, 24.2-703.1, and 24.2-707.1, and repeals the second enactment of Chapter 103 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session I.[15] As of this writing, it was assigned to the privileges and elections subcommittee #1.

This bill adds a requirement of voter photo identification cards with a signature and photo, and that registrars will provide one for the voter if they cannot afford one or get the means themselves. The DMV may be able to assist with the production and manufacturing of said cards. It also deletes the use of voter confirmation documents as acceptable proof of identification to vote, which includes a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document containing the name and address of the voter. It also allows any valid student identification so long as it contains a photograph of the voter. Instead of signing an attestation form under perjury as is currently the case, the voter gets a provisional ballot.

Under the proposed bill, provisional ballots must now have complete information on the voter, "including the house or apartment number, street name or rural route address, city, and zip code." Failure to include all information results in an invalid ballot.

The bill eliminates the permanent absentee voter list. It also eliminates permission of late receipt of absentee ballots by mail. This bill also deletes all references to drop off locations (aka drop boxes) for mail-in and absentee ballots. Absentee ballots are only by mail or in person, or a member's immediate family or caretaker may bring them in person. Furthermore, absentee voting begins ten days before an election and goes to 5pm on the prior Saturday (in other words, there are eight days early voting). Finally, it eliminates the use of third parties of printing, assembling, and mailing absentee ballots.

H.B. 1847 also eliminates use of late registration / same day registration with the exception of military and their spouse and dependents. (In other words, for people deployed suddenly or given sudden notice that they must leave.) No-excuse absentee ballots also vanish: military and spouses must provide evidence of service branch, students must provide evidence of school and enrollment, those with disabilities, illnesses. or pregnancies must sign an affirmation of such condition, those awaiting trial or convicted of a misdemeanor must provide the institution where confined, business travelers must provide the name of business/employer, those on vacation/personal business must provide the Virginia county or city, or other state or country of travel, those who are caretakers must provide relationships to the family member, those who have religious exemption must sign a statement to that effect, those commuting long distances due to work must provide an employer and travel time/distance, law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and search and rescue personnel must sign an

[15] https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1847/id/2630900

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affirmation that they are, candidates must state that they are and will not be at their location, and those with protective orders must state the county or city or state of the issuing court. The statement and evidence must then be witnessed and signed, or it must be notarized. Although it does allow people with said excuses to vote in person 45 days before an election to the second Friday before an election.

The bill touches on risk limiting audits, in which it seems to audit only a portion of ballots cast in a district or statewide election. Furthermore, it allows for methods to compare the sums of the subtotals of the batched ballots to the contested race, including hand counts of randomly selected ballot batches compared to machine counts.

Lastly, the bill eliminates people under the age of 18 from preregistering (that is, people aged 16 and 17), and it also eliminates automatic registration of such people.

Analysis of H.B. 1847

A hodgepodge of the prior bills, the key differences in H.B. 1847 are that it eliminates preregistration of people under the age of 18, limits ballot harvesting to immediate family members and caretakers, it shrinks early voting to ten days, and requires provisional ballots to include a full address, voiding those which lack them.

Some of these are improvements, although disallowing voters to pre-register before turning eighteen would deny them the right to vote in primaries for General Elections they would be legally old enough to participate in. The bill also needs to clarify some points such as what defines “immediate family” and “caretakers” for ballot harvesters. There are some confusing aspects such as shrinking the early voting window to ten days, but allowing people with excuses given to vote 45 days early. Presumably because they cannot do so for the ten-day period (i.e. may be deployed and won’t get mail in time, going to travel abroad, going back to school, etc.). Even so it seems inconsistent with the ability to vote by mail or in person; pick one or the other but not both. Also, the risk limiting audit section does not seem to change much aside from hand counts compared with machine counts. It’s better than nothing, but when compared to S.B. 844 which is so much more thorough, this doesn’t seem to increase confidence in the outcome or get to the root of the issue when questions on integrity arise.

That said, the other aspects of the bill are strong enough that overall the parts are greater than the sum, and definitely more than the current system. With minor changes and specifications, it could be a better bill and make positive changes for election integrity in Virginia.

Look Ahead America’s Six Election Integrity Public Policy Objectives

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1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.
2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.
3. Ban on the Use of “Black Box” Voting Equipment.
4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.
5. Creation and Funding of a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State’s Attorney General’s Office.
6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

These objectives inform our analysis of these bills and other election integrity reform efforts.

You can find additional information at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

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LAA Releases Analysis of Nine Texas Election Integrity Bills

The team reviewed nine bills from the state of Texas, all of them involving election integrity: S.B. 117, 166, 220, 260, and H.B. 52, 222, 397, 499, and 549.

These bills, introduced by members of both parties, offer substantive election integrity improvements in Texas and voters should encourage their legislators to pass them. While these bills aren't perfect and there's still work to be done, Texas is setting an example for the rest of the country to follow with this meaningful progress.

For more details on the report, see the attachment or visit https://lookaheadamerica.org/9TX2023Bills. To read the press release: https://lookaheadamerica.org/9tx2023billspr/.

Political Prisoner Podcast

Living in a cage lined by rat droppings and gagged by the stench of urine, Barry Ramey has been focused more on surviving death threats from known gang members than preparing for his February 21st trial in front of a jury of Trump-deranged DC democrats.

Ramey, a legally innocent pretrial detainee, was slashed with a knife across his face by a convicted criminal that he is housed with in the Northern Neck Regional Jail. Ramey has not been convicted of any crimes.

Barry is among two dozen January 6ers being held at the Virginia facility, now mixed into the general population with convicted killers and rapists. Many have been moved there from DC Gitmo in the recent months.

To hear Barry's story: https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/a3kyo2iEDwb.

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LAA Book Club

The book club is now reviewing *"The Practicing Stoic: A Philosophical User's Manual"* by Ward Farnsworth , reading four chapters a week and meets on Mondays, 5:30 PM P / 8:30 PM E.

January 23 • Chapters 5-9

January 30 • Chapters 10-13

Jobs for #J6

Look Ahead America has advocated for the political prisoners of January 6th with rallies, candlelight vigils, and our Political Prisoner Podcast.

"Jobs for #J6" serves as a connection for employers able to employ those seeking work who've lost their livelihoods—not for what they have done but for what they believe.

If you are a Political Prisoner of #J6 or able to offer employment to one, please go to https://lookaheadamerica.org/jobsforj6/ to join our movement to help them rebuild their lives.

To listen to the Political Prisoner Podcast: https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/yBBO9M9V0tb.

In The News

Matt Braynard statement on 2nd anniversary of January 6th

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Full article: https://www.wispolitics.com/2023/look-ahead-america-matt-braynard-statement-on-2nd-anniversary-of-january-6th

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Matt Braynard
Executive Director
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Please join me this Friday, January 6th at the DC Gulag or one of the other locations listed below for a candlelight vigil to bring witness to the hundreds of Americans who have been targeted for political prosecution due to their peaceful participation in the protest at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021, and to commemorate the deaths of Ashli Babbitt and Rosanne Boyland.

We invite you to host vigils to raise awareness of our government's unjust persecution of these individuals. We encourage everyone to join us for this peaceful and somber demonstration of our patriotic resolve that these victims will not be forgotten.

FLORIDA

- Pinellas County Jail
  14400 49th Street North
  Clearwater, FL 33762
  4:30-6:30 PM

- Plaza de la Constitución
  170 St. George Street
  St. Augustine, FL 32084
  6 PM

GEORGIA

- New Bethel Baptist Church
  450 Victoria Road
  Woodstock, GA 30189
  6-8 PM

PENNSYLVANIA

- Lewisburg Penitentiary
  2400 Robert F. Miller Drive
  Lewisburg, PA 17837
  7-9 PM

- Allenwood Penitentiary
  Main Access Road
  Allenwood, PA 17810
  7-9 PM

TEXAS

- McLennan County Courthouse
  501 Washington Ave Suite 300
  Waco, TX 76701
  6-8 PM
  Free parking on street or
  nearby: https://en.parkopedia.com/parking/locations/mclennan_county_courthouse_jj589vdgt8v7073g2b/?country=us&arriving=202301061800&leaving=202301062000

WASHINGTON DC

- DC Gulag

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Those interested in hosting a vigil or receiving updates about vigils in their area can sign up at https://www.lookaheadamerica.org/vigil. *Graphic attached.*

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Patriot,

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This false narrative was weaponized against patriots across the country whether they were serving in our military or speaking out at school board meetings, or had ever asked aloud if election integrity could be improved.

As of today, 933 Americans have been arrested for participating in the protests at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, and the FBI has the goal of arresting additional 1000.

Our organization condemns all political violence in our great nation, and insists on fair and speedy justice for all those who committed violence on that day.

And yet nearly everyone arrested is facing charges of nonviolence that would have resulted in same-day release and a $50 fine during previous disruptive protests at the US Capitol.

Nobody has been charged with the felony of "insurrection," and, despite our nation's top law enforcement officer lying as recently as yesterday about police officers killed as a result of January 6th, nobody has been charged with murder, homicide, manslaughter, or anything related to the death of any officer.

Despite two years passing, of the nearly 1000 arrested so far, only 349 have had their cases resolved. There are forty-four serving in prison, including nine individuals who were not convicted of any violent acts.

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But as long as Look Ahead America exists, we will not let this ongoing crime against our fellow citizens be forgotten or ignored.

We've been leading this fight since January of 2021. We've held over seventy rallies and vigils all over the country. We've held federal candidates accountable to take action. We've published a podcast series documenting the treatment of these individuals. We've built the most comprehensive database of those arrested. And we've launched a jobs program to help those who've served time and lost their livelihood to reenter society and regain their personal dignity.

And thanks to our advocacy, public opinion now agrees with us. New members of congress, including Mike Collins of Georgia who spoke at our rally at the US Capital, will demand due process and transparency from the Biden Justice Department, the FBI, and the US Capitol Police.

And we will continue to shine the spotlight on the mistreatment of these prisoners and the unfair, un-American treatment of them by the justice system, elected officials, and the media.

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Date: January 6, 2023
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LAA's Matt Braynard Statement on 2nd Anniversary of January 6th

Washington, D.C. – Look Ahead America (LAA)'s Executive Director Matt Braynard made the following statement on the second anniversary of January 6th.

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Dear Supporter,

I'm very excited to share two very important new projects with you.

Virginia Turnout Project

First, we are preparing to officialy announce our Virginia Turnout Project next week, but I wanted to give you a preview.

For generations, the left has utilized 501(c)(3) organizations for voter turnout, and there are a lot of advantages, including the ability to raise unlimited, tax-deductible money from any source (personal, corporate, foreign, etc.) without the need to disclose any information about these donors.

Rather than complaining about it, Look Ahead America is going to start doing it by using high-pressure voter turnout tactics in Virginia's 2023 elections targeting disaffected patriotic Americans of rural and blue collar backgrounds.

There is a lot at stake in Virginia this year. Republicans are two seats away from flipping the Senate and removing a persistent stumbling block for Gov. Youngkin's agenda. The voices of our targeted voters would be determinative in this election if we are able to turn out enough of them.

Voter turnout/registration and election integrity were the founding objectives of Look Ahead America all the way back in 2017, and I'm grateful we've received partial funding for this project to make it successful.

If we can show this is an effective model in Virginia in 2023, we will be able to raise the funds necessary to expand it across the country in the 2024 General Election.

I've attached a memo going into more detail about this project. If you're able to help us fund it, your tax-deductible, non-disclosed contribution can be made here: https://LookAheadAmerica.org/VirginiaTurnout.

Baby Braynard

The second project I want to share with you is a some happy personal news. My wife and I are expecting our first child, a girl, with an expected due date that could not be more perfect: July 4th. I've attached a photo and I can't tell you how overjoyed we are to welcome this new patriot into our family.

Thank you for all your support.

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Matt Braynard

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2023 Voter Turnout Project

From: Matt Braynard

Date: May 17, 2023

About Look Ahead America

Look Ahead America is the nation's leading America First community organizer. We were founded with the twin missions of ensuring election integrity and registering and turning out to vote disaffected patriotic Americans of rural and blue collar backgrounds.

Countering the Left's Use of 501(c)(3) Organizations for Voter Turnout and Registration

OPINION | POTOMAC WATCH

Democrats 'Charity' Voter-Registration Scheme

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit isn't supposed to engage in partisan activity.

By Kimberley A. Strassel Follow

Sept. 22, 2022 6:36 pm ET

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal complained about the left's use of 501(c)(3)'s to engage in voter registration and turnout. And while it's true that the left has plowed hundreds of millions of dollars into these efforts and built powerful organizations to lead these efforts, the right response isn't to complain but to fight back, and Look Ahead America is leading the way.

Advantages of 501(c)(3)'s for Voter Registration and Turnout Operations

The advantages of utilizing 501(c)(3) over traditional, partisan political vehicles like campaigns, parties, and PACs are undeniable:

1. Contributions are tax-deductible to the donor.
2. Contributions can be made by corporations, foundations, and noncitizens.
3. Donors are not publicly disclosed.

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4. Can work with and access other 501(c)(3) groups including churches and schools.

5. Access to nonprofit mail rates (about half the cost of political mail and one third the cost of first class) and other low-cost services.

6. The ability to engage in high-pressure Get Out the Vote (GOTV) tactics without blowback on political parties or candidates.

The 2023 Virginia Experiment

Elections in Virginia occur every year, and the nadir of voter turnout in these elections will be this year when only the State Senate and House of Delegates are on the ballot. The stakes are high in Virginia because the State Senate is only two seats away from flipping from Democrat to Republican which would give Republicans full control of the state government (Governor, State Senate, and House of Delegates).

Look Ahead America will run a GOTV operation in the state targeting disaffected patriotic voters of rural and blue collar backgrounds. These voters will be targeted with high-pressure messaging about the importance of voting through door-to-door canvassing, direct mail, live phones, texting, and digital/social media.

Because our efforts include registering these voters for state's permanent absentee list, we believe many of them will continue voting for many elections to come.

The public records of whether or not the voters we target turned out to vote or not, we will be able to precisely measure the success of this campaign.

Our Long-Term Goal

We believe if we can demonstrate the efficacy of these methods utilizing a 501(c)(3) as a vehicle, it will help convince major donors on the right to support a broader, multi-state project in the 2024 elections.

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NINE 2023 TEXAS ELECTION INTEGRITY BILLS REVIEWED

(S.B. 117, 166, 220 & 260, H.B. 52, 222, 397, 499 & 549)

January 13, 2023

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Summaries of Bills

In 2020, faced with COVID-19, our country saw a dramatic increase in vote-by-mail ballots. Yet COVID-19 did not deter voters as approximately 155 million people voted, of which 69%, or 107 million voters, cast ballots by mail.[1] [2] This represents a significant increase from 2016, in which only 40% of voters used mail to vote. 2020 also brought about claims of massive voter and election fraud. While sensational levels of fraud seem unlikely, voter fraud indeed occurs.

Because of the hotly contested 2020 election, many states with both Republican and Democrat legislatures introduced a flurry of new bills aimed at changing election laws.

Texas Republican State Senator Lois Kolkhorst, who represents the 18th district, introduced TX S.B. 260.[3] The bill relates to confirmation of a voter's residence by a voter registrar and makes it easier to remove illegitimate voters from the rolls.

Texas Republican State Senator Paul David Bettencourt and Texas Republican State Representative Valoree Swanson introduced TX S.B. 220 and H.B. 549 respectively. These identical bills come in response to what they believe are election improprieties in Harris County, and are identical to those introduced in response to the 2020 election. They relate to the investigations of election malfeasance allegations and how the state will provide injunctive and emergency relief in such cases.

Texas Democrat State Representative Terry Meza and Texas Democrat State Senator Jose Menendez introduced TX H.B. 499 and S.B. 117 respectively.[4] [5] These identical acts expand the right of voters to cast their ballot at any polling location in their county.

Texas Republican State Senator Bryan Hughes, Texas Republican State Representatives David Spiller, Bryan Slaton, and Craig Goldman introduced TX S.B. 166,[6] TX H.B. 52,[7] TX H.B. 222[8] and

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[1] DeSilver, D. (2021, January 28). *Turnout soared in 2020 as nearly two-thirds of eligible U.S. voters cast ballots for president*. Pew Research Center. https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/01/28/turnout-soared-in-2020-as-nearly-two-thirds-of-eligible-u-s-voters-cast-ballots-for-president/

[2] U.S. Census Bureau. (2021, April 29). *What Methods Did People Use to Vote in the 2020 Election?* The United States Census Bureau. https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/04/what-methods-did-people-use-to-vote-in-2020-election.html

[3] https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/SB00260I.pdf#navpanes=0

[4] https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00499I.pdf#navpanes=0

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TX H.B. 397[9] respectively. TX H.B. 222 and TX H.B. 397 are identical, while TX H.B. 499 and TX S.B. 117 are extremely similar in wording to each other, and nearly identical to the other two bills. For all intents and purposes, they are the same bill. These four bills all address the same issue: increasing the penalty of an election crime in Texas, which currently is a Class A misdemeanor (a county jail sentence up to 1 year and up to $4,000 fine) up to a felony of the second degree (a prison sentence which carries 2 – 20 years prison), unless it is only an attempt which is instead a state jail felony (a prison sentence which carries 6 months – 2 years).

In this report, Look Ahead America summarizes and analyzes each of these bills.

Summary of S.B 260

SECTION 1. Amends Section 15.051(a)[10] **Confirmation Notice** of the Texas Election Code.

The following amendment requires the registrar to send written confirmation notice that the voter confirms their current residence if:

(1) The voter's residence address is a commercial post office box or similar location that does not correspond to a residence;
(2) On November 30 following a general election
    a) their name is not on the suspense list, and
    b) has not voted in any election during the previous 25 months, or
(3) The registrar has any other reason to believe that a voter's current residence is different from that indicated on the registration records.

SECTION 2. States the Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

Analysis of S.B. 260

TX S.B. 260 expands the ability of a registrar to confirm the validity of voters, which opens the door to voters challenging these statuses by presenting evidence to the registrar, an activity that LAA has supported around the country. This is a tremendous improvement in the status quo but formalizing a process for a citizen to object to a voter and prompt a confirmation notice to prevent registrars from using their discretion to arbitrarily reject an objection.

Summary of S.B. 220 & H.B. 549

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.005 of the Texas Election Code.

[9] https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00397I.pdf#navpanes=0
[10] https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.15.htm#15.051

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Section 31.005 is amended to give the Secretary of State more authority to enforce the code.

a) The Secretary of State may take appropriate action to protect against violations of this code by authorities administering the state's electoral process.

b) The Secretary of State may order the offending person to correct the conduct offending this code. If the person fails to comply, then the secretary may seek enforcement of the order by a temporary restraining order or a writ of injunction of mandamus obtained through the Attorney General.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Chapter 34 of the Texas Election Code to "CHAPTER 34. STATE INSPECTORS AND ELECTION MARSHALS".

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 34 by adding Sections 34.006 and 34.007:

Sec. 34.006 - Creates Election Marshals and delineates their appoints

a) The Secretary of State shall appoint a State Election Marshal, who will report to the Secretary of State.

b) The State Election Marshal shall appoint Election Marshals for each Department of Public Safety region such that there is one Election Marshal for every 1,000,000 people who reside in that region. Appointments must be made no later than the 60th day before early voting is scheduled to begin (primary or in November). This appointment lasts 90 days although may be extended by the State Election Marshal if an Election Marshal is investigating.

c) The State Election Marshal shall designate an Election Marshal to be the Chief Election Marshal for that region. The Chief Election Marshal will assign election marshals to each alleged violation of this code in their respective region.

d) The State Election Marshal and Election Marshal must be a licensed peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, be commissioned by the Department of Public Safety, and have had training in election law from the Secretary of State.

e) The Election Marshal has the powers and duties of a state inspector under this chapter and other powers and duties assigned by law.

f) The name, county of residence, and business contact information is publicly available information.

Sec.34. 007 - Describes the responsibilities of Election Marshals and State Inspectors in an investigation for violation of this code.

a) Provides definitions for the positions articulated in Sec. 34.006.

b) A State Inspector or Election Marshal shall promptly investigate an alleged violation of this code supported by an affidavit or unsworn declaration and submitted to the Chief Election Marshal who is assigned to the Election Marshal.

c) If an Election Marshal investigates an alleged violation of this code and finds

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probable cause that a violation is occurring or likely to occur, then;

i) The Election Marshal shall exercise all lawful means to prevent the violation from continuing or occurring.

ii) The Election Marshal may seek such orders, processes, or warrants from a court to prevent violations from continuing or occurring.

iii) The Election Marshal may also file appropriate criminal charges.

d) This section does not affect the right of any candidate or political party to file civil action under another law.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 273.001(a) of Election Code.

a) Amended to include Election Marshals to present affidavits alleging criminal conduct in connection with the election to the county or district attorney having jurisdiction in that territory. The county or district attorney shall investigate the allegations. It also removes language that directs voters to present the affidavits to the Attorney General.

SECTION 5. Amends the heading to Section 273.003 of the Election Code to include "AND EQUIPMENT" to read as "Sec. 273.003 IMPOUNDING ELECTION RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT."

SECTION 6. Amends 273.003 (a) of the Election Code.

a) Empowers the Secretary of State and Election Marshals to have election returns, voted ballots, signature roster, and other elections records or equipment impounded in relation to an investigation of an election.

SECTION 7. Amends the heading of subchapter E chapter 273 of the election code to read as "INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND EMERGENCY REVIEW".

SECTION 8. Amends 273.081 of the Election Code.

a) Ensures that political candidates, a political party, or a state county or precinct chair of a political party have injunctive relief to prevent a violation of this code.

b) In connection with an action for injunctive relief, a court may issue subpoenas of persons or property and order the inspection or impoundment of election records or equipment.

SECTION 9. Adds subchapter E, subsections 082 and 083 to Chapter 273 of the election code. Section 273.082 - Establishes the criteria and procedure for the disqualification of a judge.

a) The judge of a district or county court with jurisdiction over any geographic area served by an election official who is a party in a proceeding for injunctive

relief under this subchapter is disqualified to preside over the proceeding, unless the election official serves statewide.

b) If a petition is filed in a proceeding in which a judge may be disqualified, the clerk of the court shall promptly call the filing to the attention of the judge. The judge will determine whether he or she is disqualified under subsection (a), and the judge will promptly request the presiding judge of the administrative judicial region to assign an alternate judge to preside over the proceeding.

c) The alternate judge has to be eligible under subsection (a).

d) In a proceeding in which a judge is disqualified, the presiding judge of the administrative judicial region may take any action in the proceeding otherwise authorized by law including the issuance of temporary relief.

Section 273.082 - Establishes procedures for the emergency review of election activity.

a) No later than the 60th day before the date of a regular or special election, the presiding judge of each administrative judicial region shall appoint a sufficient number of visiting judges to serve as emergency election review judges to preside in actions under this section in accordance with Chapter 74 of the Government Code.

b) Judges appointed to serve as an emergency election review judge shall receive training specified by the secretary of state at least once a year.

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d) A request for a hearing shall be delivered to the assigned judge who shall promptly conduct a hearing by electronic or otherwise means. It will begin:

i) No later than 3 hours after the judge receives a written hearing request filed no earlier than the 45th day before the date of the election and not later than the last day of in-person early voting, or

ii) No later than 1 hour after the judge receives a written hearing request filed not earlier than the last day of in-person early voting and not later than the final canvass of an election.

e) These hearings must be transcribed or recorded and are subject to appellate review.

SECTION 10. The act takes effect September 1, 2023.

Analysis of S.B. 220 & H.B. 549

These bills create a new task force trained and dedicated to election security for the duration of the election and shortly after. The bill also clearly establishes the responsibilities of this task force in receiving allegations of fraud. This is a step in the right direction as the task force

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resolves Election Day issues or possibly issues surrounding early voting and ballot boxes, although a permanent dedicated voter fraud investigation division would be ideal.

The Attorney General's office currently has an office of Election Integrity, but only by the discretion of the Attorney General. A further improvement would make this office permanent.

Summary of H.B. 499 & S.B. 117

The act repeals Section 43.007(i), which states: "(i) The secretary of state may only select to participate in the program six counties with a population of 100,000 or more and four counties with a population of less than 100,000."

The program to which it refers is a countywide polling place program, which implements a program to allow each commissioner's court participating in the program to eliminate county election precinct polling places and establish countywide polling places. In other words, where a person votes within the county does not matter in terms of any specific precinct(s), and this would make such a program accessible to all counties, not only ten as described in the clause.

The act takes effect immediately if two-thirds of each house vote on it. Otherwise, the act takes effect September 1, 2023.

Analysis H.B. 499 & S.B. 117

This legislation would give rural voters the same rights as urban voters to cast ballots wherever it is most convenient, and boosting turnout among these rural voters is a core mission of LAA.

However, this does increase the complexity of conducting elections since each polling place would be required to generate a custom ballot for each voter and could lead to the same complications that occurred in the 2022 General Election in Maricopa County, Arizona. A way to avoid this would be to provide funding to these rural, often poorer counties, so they can afford the technology necessary to meet the requirements in the bill.

Summary of TX S.B. 166, H.B. 52, H.B. 222 and H.B. 397

The act amends Section 64.012(b), Election Code, to remove "Class A misdemeanor" and replaces it with "under this section is a felony of the second degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt. In that case, the offense is a state jail felony." It undoes the change in S.B. 1 that reduced election fraud crimes to misdemeanors.[11]

[11] https://laabackup.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/LAA_TX_SB1_Analysis.pdf

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The bill is not retroactive, meaning that it would only apply to elections taking place on or after September 1, 2023; any person who committed offenses before that date would have the Class A misdemeanor applicable to them if convicted.

Analysis TX S.B. 166, H.B. 52, H.B. 222 and H.B. 397

Without a strong disincentive from committing or attempting to commit election fraud, it will continue. This shows that Texas means business.

Look Ahead America's Six Election Integrity Public Policy Objectives

1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.
2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.
3. Ban on the Use of "Black Box" Voting Equipment.
4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.
5. Creation and Funding of a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State's Attorney General's Office.
6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

These objectives inform our analysis of these bills and other election integrity reform efforts.

You can find additional information at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

Acknowledgements

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Date: Monday, May 01, 2023 2:52:23 PM
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In the News

Non-Profit's Investigation Leads to Conviction in Double-Voting Case

In LAA's short history, it has uncovered ample evidence of both illegal voting in various forms as well as disproving election fraud allegations in a curious Wisconsin case. The organization utilizes a number of publicly-available tools such as the National Change of Address (NCOA) list published by the U.S. Postal Service; DMV records; the resource voteref.com, and other sources to search for potential voting irregularities.

In addition to the conviction in Bradley County, LAA currently has open investigations with case numbers in Arizona, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia and North Carolina.

https://www.thepostemail.com/2023/04/26/non-profits-investigation-leads-to-conviction-in-double-voting-case/

Look Ahead America Slams Senate Elections Package

Conservative advocacy group Look Ahead America is coming out in opposition to a wide-ranging elections package (SB 7050) being pushed by Senate Republicans. LAA, which works to register voters, said the bill "takes power away from the Office of Election Crimes and Security" and would undermine the strength of election crime cases. "If FL SB 7050 were in place in 2021, then I would not have been able to send the Florida clerks vital information that led to the conviction of Emily Jessop Bowers on three counts of double voting. On its face, this bill is undemocratic as it undermines the power of American and Floridian citizens to restore election integrity," said LAA Director of Research Ian Camacho.

https://floridapolitics.com/archives/606053-sunburn-the-morning-read-of-whats-hot-in-florida-politics-4-25-23/

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For Immediate Release

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LAA's Matt Braynard Statement on 2nd Anniversary of January 6th

Washington, D.C. – Look Ahead America (LAA)'s Executive Director Matt Braynard made the following statement on the second anniversary of January 6th.

> Two years ago today, our federal government, in cooperation with state-aligned media and American-last politicians, made the decision to politically persecute hundreds of innocent Americans as "domestic terrorists" in order to construct a false narrative of an "insurrection."
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> This false narrative was weaponized against patriots across the country whether they were serving in our military or speaking out at school board meetings, or had ever asked aloud if election integrity could be improved.
>
> As of today, 933 Americans have been arrested for participating in the protests at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, and the FBI has the goal of arresting additional 1000.
>
> Our organization condemns all political violence in our great nation, and insists on fair and speedy justice for all those who committed violence on that day.
>
> And yet nearly everyone arrested is facing charges of nonviolence that would have resulted in same-day release and a $50 fine during previous disruptive protests at the US Capitol.
>
> Nobody has been charged with the felony of "insurrection," and, despite our nation's top law enforcement officer lying as recently as yesterday about police officers killed as a result of January 6th, nobody has been charged with murder, homicide, manslaughter, or anything related to the death of any officer.
>
> Despite two years passing, of the nearly 1000 arrested so far, only 349 have had their cases resolved. There are forty-four serving in prison, including nine individuals who were not convicted of any violent acts.
>
> There are sixty-five sitting in prison now in pre-trial detention, including ten who have been charged with nonviolent offences. All in a country where murders, attempted murders, truly violent criminals with long wrap sheets are granted bail.

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Among those charged were three patriots who were driven to suicide, none of whom were charged with violence: Matthew Perna, Mark Roderick Aungst, and Chris Stanton Georgia.

And we cannot forget the deaths of Ashli Babbitt and Rosanne Boyland at the hands of Capitol and DC Police officers – deaths that have received no public investigation or accountability.

But as long as Look Ahead America exists, we will not let this ongoing crime against our fellow citizens be forgotten or ignored.

We've been leading this fight since January of 2021. We've held over seventy rallies and vigils all over the country. We've held federal candidates accountable to take action. We've published a podcast series documenting the treatment of these individuals. We've built the most comprehensive database of those arrested. And we've launched a jobs program to help those who've served time and lost their livelihood to reenter society and regain their personal dignity.

And thanks to our advocacy, public opinion now agrees with us. New members of congress, including Mike Collins of Georgia who spoke at our rally at the US Capital, will demand due process and transparency from the Biden Justice Department, the FBI, and the US Capitol Police.

And we will continue to shine the spotlight on the mistreatment of these prisoners and the unfair, un-American treatment of them by the justice system, elected officials, and the media.

Two years ago, our justice system was weaponized against law-abiding Americans to further a great "insurrection" lie. Look Ahead America will not rest until the truth of that day and our government's actions are exposed and names of those victimized by it are restored.

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Svineford
Subject: Election Systems Reform Panel & Political Prisoner Podcast
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:56:59 AM
Attachments: Matt at INC 1.png
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Dear Patriot,

INC '23 Austin

I was invite to participatre in an Election Systems Reform panel in Austin, TX at INC23 (Independent National Convention 2023) on April 4. *Event photos attached.*

One of our star volunteers Denise Bolognese was recognized for introducing an open source voting senate bill in New Jersey, as well as many others who are leading the grassroots charge. We will provide the video when it is made available. More information about this event can be found at https://www.inc23.us/event.

New Political Prisoner Podcast

Clean Record. Not charged with violence. William Chrestman has been held in the DC Gulag for two years and still has no trial date.

His mother joins us for our latest Political Prisoner Podcast.

Listen here https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/Cl0WYUuEZyb.

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: NASS Summer Conference Materials and Related Sessions
Date:	Wednesday, July 05, 2023 11:33:18 AM
Attachments:	agenda-elections-committee-summer2023.docx draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee Members,

We look forward to seeing many of you at the NASS 2023 Summer Conference! We have an agenda full of state shared practices and excellent presentations. Some sessions you won't want to miss!

Please review the committee business item before the Tuesday, July 11th Elections Committee meeting!

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00AM – 11:30AM ET Hacking Demystified – Behind the Breach Breakfast and Interactive Stations – Come, Learn and Interact

12:30PM – 1:15PM ET IDEAS Presentation – One elections-related presentation

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:30AM – 10:45AM Elections Committee – agenda attached along with one item of committee business. Shared practice presentations include – Truth Tellers Task Force – MI, Task Force on Voter Confidence – NH, "Last Mile" Materials for Election Security and Awareness – AR/CISA, Launch of GARVIS – GA, Implementation of Voters Choice Act - CA

11:00AM – 12:15PM ET – Cybersecurity Committee

2:00PM – 3:00PM ET – Elections Communications Workshop - Presidential Primary Election Communications Prep and Messaging – MI, NH, MN, OH

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:30AM – 9:30AM ET – Professional Communications Training

We look forward to seeing you!

Best,
Leslie

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NASS Elections Committee Agenda
Co-Chairs: Hon. Paul Pate, IA & Hon. Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Monday, July 11, 2023
Independence East/West
Grand Hyatt
9:30AM – 10:45AM ET

- **Committee Business**
  NASS Resolution Urging National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates

- **Michigan's Truth Tellers Task Force**
  Hon. Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State

- **New Hampshire's Special Committee on Voter Confidence**
  Hon. David Scanlan, New Hampshire Secretary of State

- **"Last Mile" Materials for Election Security and Awareness**
  Mr. Michael Harry, Managing Attorney, Legal Dept, Arkansas Secretary of State

- **Launch of the Georgia Registered Voter Information Systems (GARVIS)**
  Mr. Gabriel Sterling, Chief Operating Officer, Georgia Secretary of State

- **Implementation of the Voters Choice Act**
  Hon. Shirley N. Weber Ph.D., California Secretary of State
  Ms. LaKenya Jordan, Deputy Secretary, California Secretary of State

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NASS
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Resolution Urging the National Political Parties to Set Early Nominating Convention Dates

WHEREAS, the nation's Chief Election Official Secretaries of State and Lt. Governors have spent many years working with the major political parties to increase awareness around election administration issues and laws in setting national convention dates;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has in previous years sent letters to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Republican National Committee (RNC), noting that late timing of nominating conventions can hinder the ability of election officials to meet administrative deadlines set by state statute and federal law, leaving ballot certification and voting processes susceptible to delays.

WHEREAS, the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act passed in 2010 requires ballots to be mailed at least 45 days prior to the general election. State and local election officials must be able to ensure the timely certification, preparation, and mailing of absentee ballots to the nation's more than six million military and overseas citizens in accordance with federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASS hereby encourages the RNC, the DNC and other major national parties to set national convention dates for all presidential election cycles during the mid-June to mid-August timeframe to better ensure the timely certification, preparation, and mailing of absentee ballots to the nation's more than six million military and overseas citizens in accordance with federal law (the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASS members who serve as Chief State Election Officials shall seek to promote this resolution with their state party leaders.

Adopted the 16th day of July, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA
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Subject: Matt Meets Youngkin, LAA Targeted by Soros
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2023 11:49:14 AM
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Dear Patriot,

Meeting with the Governor Youngkin

Last week, Matt met with Governor Youngkin to discuss Look Ahead Virginia (LAVA), our special voter turnout project we are rolling out for this year's state elections in Virginia

Soros-Funded ProPublica Targets Look Ahead America and Misleads Its Readers—AGAIN

After their attempt to smear Justice Samuel Alito, the Soros-funded left-wing propaganda outlet ProPublica is now targeting Look Ahead America, the nation's premier community organizing, voter engagement, and civil rights organization serving the needs of disaffected patriotic Americans of rural and blue collar backgrounds.

We are happy to publicly answer Clark's questions as well as debunk the falsehoods and misleading assumptions made in each of them. See attached press release or my response at https://lookaheadamerica.org/propublica-targets-laa/.

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The press release from the Sheriff's office appears at https://www.yumacountysheriff.org/pr-2022/PR-2022-30-Yuma-County-Voting-Fraud.pdf

The report and press release of LAA's double voter case submitted to Yuma County appears at https://lookaheadamerica.org/Yuma16PR/. *(Also attached.)*

All 16 cases and the email from the Yuma Sheriff's Office appear at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Yuma16/

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https://lookaheadamerica.s3.amazonaws.com/LAA_Bounty_FB.mp4

In the News

> **MUST SEE: Ashli Babbitt's Mother and J6 Activists Ask Top Republicans and Presidential Candidates if They will Free J6ers if Elected – Watch Their Responses, Chris Christie and Perry Johnson Most Revealing (VIDEO)**
>
> *The J6 Presidential Challenge question was launched by Look Ahead America to ask each presidential candidate how they would handle the January 6 political prisoners.*
>
> https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/06/must-see-ashli-babbitts-mother-j6-activists-ask/
>
> **Are You Up To The J6 Challenge?**
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> Watch the video: https://www.oann.com/video/tipping-point-video/are-you-up-to-the-j6-challenge/
>
> **Activists Say Ballot Harvesting, Once Shunned by GOP, Now Key to Winning in 2024**
>
> *LAA is working on not only registering voters but "getting them to vote, whether it's going early, whether it's going by mail, whether it's voting in person," Camacho said.*
>
> *It's a tough sell lately, as people remain concerned about election improprieties making their votes moot. "Many people feel that their vote does not matter and it doesn't make a difference—and that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy," he said.*
>
> *LAA also supports election-integrity efforts, including one in North Carolina, a state that Trump narrowly won in 2020.*
>
> https://www.theepochtimes.com/activists-say-ballot-harvesting-once-shunned-by-gop-now-key-to-winning-in-2024-post_5347898.html
>
> **Group offering $1,000 to ask 'designated' presidential candidates about Jan 6 prisoners**
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> *A group dedicated to empowering disenfranchised voters is offering $1,000 to anyone who asks a "designated" presidential candidate about the Jan. 6th prisoners.*
>
> *The group, Looking Ahead America, announced the prize challenge, known as the J6 Question Project, in a video published last Wednesday.*
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> https://americanwirenews.com/group-offering-1000-to-ask-designated-presidential-candidates-about-jan-6-prisoners/

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Ian Camacho, Director of Research, made a formal statement:

> We will forward this information to the other states involved (Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island) as their statute of limitations haven't yet expired. Sadly, Colorado had many cases but gives only 18 months to prosecute as they don't take this seriously.
>
> Everyone who cares about honesty, transparency, fairness, justice, and election integrity should be concerned when prosecutors refuse to do their jobs despite overwhelming evidence. Even for the handful of cases rightfully dismissed, the voter appeared to be the victim of voter fraud, and nothing was done about it in further investigations. We should also be concerned when the media either exaggerates or downplays actual cases as this distorts the actual facts and gravity of the situation.
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The report and press release of LAA's double voter case submitted to Yuma County appears at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Yuma.

All 16 cases and the email from the Yuma Sheriff's Office appears at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Yuma16/

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Date: June 27, 2023
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Call on Thursday, June 29 at 2:30PM ET, Review of Resolution, Poll Worker Recruitment Discussion
Date:	Friday, June 23, 2023 2:46:18 PM
Attachments:	NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 6 29 23 draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

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Thanks, everyone. I hope you have a great weekend!

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To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: We"re being targeted by Soros-funded ProPublica
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:13:37 AM
Attachments: LAA_PR_ProPublica_rev.pdf

Good Morning,

I want to share some urgent news.

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And just as Justice Alito set the record straight ahead of ProPublica's publication, we're setting the record straight with you ahead of their story coming out.

They sent us three misleading questions built on false premises. Rather than answering them privately, we are answering them publicly so that our complete responses will not be butchered or taken out of context.

I've attached our press release with these answers for you to read and share.

You're not taking flack unless you're over the target. But ProPublica will not stop us from:

- Fighting for election integrity.
- Standing up for the civil rights of political prisoners.
- Training new community organizers.
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ProPublica might have George Soros and other likeminded anti-American globalists funding their agenda, but I'd take your support over those clowns any day. Please help us stay in the fight with a contribution at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Donate.

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Elections Ctte Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET, House Approps Subctte Approves Financial Serv and General Gov FY2024 Approps bill, Register for TTX
Date:	Wednesday, June 28, 2023 1:07:25 PM
Attachments:	NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 6 29 23 draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx TTV2023 State Registration Form.xlsx
Importance:	High

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We will also hear from two states on poll worker recruitment efforts – NH and NE. **I am still looking for a state to address how they share poll worker info collected on the Secretary's website with local jurisdictions.**

House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee Passes FY2024 Approps Bill – Up Next Full Approps Committee and House Floor

Before the House left last week for their District Work Session, the House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee passed their FY2024 bill. There are some items of interest.

First, the EAC operating budget has been reduced by $8 million and there are no election security funds available for states.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES- For necessary expenses to carry out the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–252), $20,000,000, of which $1,500,000 shall be made available to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for election reform activities authorized under the Help America Vote 12 Act of 2002.

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SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. 4 Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order.

Please note that the bill now moves to the full Appropriations Committee for a vote and then on to the House floor. The Senate has not really begun their appropriations process yet.

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New EAC Website

I just went on the EAC website to look for something and they have launched their new website.

House Admin Full Committee Field Hearing in Atlanta, GA on July 10th at 2:30PM ET: The Path to Election Integrity Across America

On **Monday, July 10 2023, at 2:30 p.m. ET**, the Committee on House Administration will hold a full committee field hearing titled, "American Confidence in Elections: The Path to Election Integrity Across America." The hearing will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Don't Forget to Register for the National Tabletop the Vote for August 15, 16 and 17 – Registration Form Attached

Please join us for *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise*, sponsored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The purpose of this exercise is to identify best practices and areas for improvement in election planning, identification, response, and recovery.

Please think about the people you communicate with before, during and after Election Day – state staff (elections, comms, IT, legal) local election officials, law enforcement, fusion center, emergency managers, election vendors, etc. to include when you register. Many of you will want to bring everyone possible into the same room, others will utilize Webex links for participants.

Exercise Details:

Dates: August 15, 16, and 17, 2023

- The exercise repeats with the same scenario on each of the three days. There is no need to participate every day. States/territories may participate on more than one day and are welcome to include different participants each day.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET
Format: Plenary and Breakout sessions
Virtual Platform: Webex
Attendance Limits:

- **States**: Each state has up to 18 connections per day
- **D.C. and U.S. Territories**: Up to 5 connections per day
- **Connections are** a single login to Webex. This could be one individual accessing the Webex platform remotely or an individual accessing the Webex platform from a conference room where more attendees are gathered.

Registration Instructions:

1. Each state or territorial election office completes the attached Tabletop the Vote 2023 Registration spreadsheet by compiling all registrants for the state or territory and **returns it to CISA at TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov, by July 31, 2023. Please note this is a firm deadline due to limitations with the Webex platform.**
    a. The election office must select the day(s) participants will attend. Be sure to include yourselves on the spreadsheet if you will attend.

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b. Identify a Primary Point of Contact (POC), a facilitator (who will guide discussion in your breakout room each participating day), participants, and observers. Please consider including local election officials, relevant private sector, federal government, and state/territorial/local government partners, such as IT and election vendors, CISA and FBI regional staff, state/local emergency management personnel, state/territorial/local IT personnel, state/territorial/local law enforcement personnel, and state National Guard personnel as participants. Examples of observers include state legislators, county commissioners, or other organizations who provide election resources at the state/territory and local level.
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e. **Please be aware that this is a closed-press event. No real-world media personnel should be invited to attend the exercise.**

2. The person submitting the RSVP will receive an email confirming receipt. POCs, facilitators, participants, and observers will be sent an email with the Webex link for the day they are registered no later than August 4, 2023.

Registrants will be provided technical instructions and exercise reference materials closer to the exercise.

Should you have any questions, please email TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov . We look forward to having you participate in the sixth annual *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise.*

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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 6/29 Call, CISA Announces Cait Conley Will Take Over for Wyman, Proposed Revision to NASS Resolution
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Importance:	High

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Notes from 6/29 Call

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CISA Announces Kim Wymanâ s Departure and the Expansion of Cait Conleyâ s Portfolio

CISA announced today that Kim Wyman will be leaving for the private sector at the end of July and that Cait Conley will take over her role as liaison with the election community. Some of you who have been around for awhile might remember Cait. She was at Harvardâs Belfer Center helping us to do the first tabletop exercises, she has run a Turning Election Staff into Battle Staff workshop at a previous NASS conference and she has more energy than anyone I have ever met

From CISA:

WASHINGTON â Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Jen Easterly announced today that Cait Conley, Senior Advisor to the Director, will take on additional responsibilities supporting CISAâ s election security efforts. Conley will spearhead CISAâ s partnership engagement and coordination efforts with election officials across the nation as they continue to serve as the frontline defenders of election infrastructure.

â Our work to support election officials across the nation remains one of CISAâ s highest priorities. Cait is a dedicated public servant and combat-tested U.S. Army veteran with extensive operational and leadership experience working top national security priorities, including cybersecurity and counterterrorism. This experience, combined with her work leading the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, make her ideally suited to help those state and local officials carrying out elections in every community in America. Iâ m thrilled to have her take on this responsibility,â **said CISA Director Easterly**. â I want to thank Kim Wyman, who will be departing CISA at the end of July for an opportunity in a private sector. Kim has been an invaluable Senior Election Security Lead over the past year and a half, strengthening our partnerships across the election community and maturing our operations. Iâ m pleased that she will remain as an informal advisor and friend to Team CISA, as well as a critical partner in the broader election security community.â

â It has been an honor to lead CISAâ s election security efforts and to work side-by-side with so many talented and dedicated colleagues,â **said Wyman.** â I thank Director Easterly for the opportunity to support election officials in this role and to be part of this important mission. I am proud of the team and what weâ ve already been able to accomplish. I have worked with Cait for the past several years in this election security space

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â Iâ m thrilled to take on this responsibility and canâ t wait to hit the ground running,â **said Conley.** â We have an amazing elections team here at CISA which has been working year-round to support state and local election officials in ensuring the security and resilience of elections. I am excited to return to the election security mission and build on the incredible progress CISA has made over the last several years.â

Conley brings a wealth of experience in election security. She previously served as the Executive Director of the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, based out of Harvard Universityâ s Belfer Center, where she led the development and implementation of strategies, tools and recommendations for election administrators, election infrastructure providers, campaign organizations, and leaders involved in democratic processes to better defend against cybersecurity threats. She is also an experienced combat veteran with demonstrated leadership in global special operations, cyber operations, and counterterrorism.

Proposed Revised Resolution for the NASS Elections Committee on 7/11

Yesterday on the call, we reviewed the resolution which will come before the Elections Committee on July 11th. One edit was suggested and has been included in the attached version. Please review and let me know if you have any edits.

Thanks, and Happy 4th Weekend!

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Dear Patriot,

Look Ahead America Advances Election Integrity Legislation in North Carolina

LAA Community Organizer Erin LeCroy has led efforts to educate North Carolina legislators on Senate Bill 747 which passed the State Senate on Monday. The legislation vastly improves election integrity in North Carolina and advances many of LAA's election integrity objectives.

This is one of the best single bills in the country to help ensure elections are clean and fair and we encourage North Carolina to pass it into law *poste-haste*.

Press Release: https://lookaheadamerica.org/nc747pr/ or see attached.

To read the report, visit https://LookAheadAmerica.org/NC747 or see attached.

LAA's six election integrity public policy objectives: https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity/.

In the News

> ANALYSIS: January 6 Convictions Suggest Trump Could Face Sedition Charges, Experts Say
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> *So far, at least 1,020 people have been charged with Jan. 6 offenses, according to a database compiled by LookAheadAmerica.org, a nonpartisan, nonprofit group devoted to election integrity and citizens' rights.*
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> *The database shows that dozens of Jan. 6 defendants have been jailed for long periods while awaiting trial. As of May 31, about 145 people were behind bars for Jan. 6 charges. "Many have been detained for more than 800 days," the group's data analysis says. "Jake Lang, who came to Rosanne Boyland's aid as she was dying and beaten on the steps of the Capitol building, is currently imprisoned 865 days, pretrial. In comparison, in 1979, a hostile Iranian regime held, and then released, 52 American hostages for 444 days," Look Ahead America points out.*
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> https://www.theepochtimes.com/analysis-january-6-convictions-suggest-trump-could-face-sedition-charges-experts-say_5302693.html

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Swineford
Subject: Updated May 2023 Legislative Report Card & Tomorrow"s Training
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 2:19:40 PM
Attachments: LAA_PR_052023_Report_Card.pdf

Dear Patriot,

LAA Releases Updated May 2023 Legislative Report Card

We released a follow up to our 2023 legislative report card. The report evaluates state bills that reflect six election integrity objectives.

As state legislatures wrap up their sessions, we cannot overstate the importance of introducing and passing election integrity bills in time for the 2024 Primaries and General Election in the next session. If you don't see your state on here or are unimpressed with your state, please contact us to help get you in touch with your legislators on these items or sign up for our training webinar tomorrow to learn how you can make a difference.

To read the full report, visit https://lookaheadamerica.org/May2023Report. Press release https://lookaheadamerica.org/may2023reportpr/ *(also attached)*.

Data, reports, filing complaints, postage, and research cost money. Please support our election integrity work at https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Donate.

LAA's six election integrity objectives, visit https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity.

TOMORROW! May Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

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- June 5 - Chapters 8-15
- June 12 - Chapters 16-22

In the News

Why Do Pennsylvania's County and State 2020 Election Data Not Match?

On May 3, the Research Group of the non-profit, non-partisan organization Look Ahead America (LAA) published a report revealing discrepancies between Pennsylvania's county- and state-level 2020 election results which thus far have not been reconciled, explained, nor even widely disseminated to the public.

https://www.thepostemail.com/2023/05/26/why-do-pennsylvanias-county-and-state-2020-election-data-not-match/

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NASS Elections Committee Bi-Weekly Virtual Meeting
June 29th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds announced that Pennsylvania Secretary of State Al Schmidt, who had been serving as the Acting Secretary, has now officially become the Secretary of State. She also noted that Oregon's governor has appointed LaVonne Griffin-Valade as the new Secretary of State in Oregon, effective June 30, 2023.

Reynolds announced that the agenda for this meeting included shared practice presentations on poll worker recruitment efforts, as well as a discussion on a NASS resolution set to expire unless reauthorized at the upcoming summer conference. She introduced Ellen Gustafson from Vet the Vote, and Secretary Scanlan from New Hampshire, to discuss a partnership effort between Vet the Vote and New Hampshire.

Ms. Gustafson noted that Vet the Vote is a national campaign to recruit veterans and military family members to help fulfill the need for poll workers in America. She added that the organization recruited over 63,000 veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers for the 2022 elections, and they recently launched a poll worker recruitment portal for the 2024 elections. She noted that Vet the Vote has been working with New Hampshire as part of an effort to educate veterans and military family members on the election process.

Secretary Scanlan noted that he saw a presentation from Vet the Vote at a previous NASS meeting, and thought that the program could be a good opportunity to help recruit new poll workers, as well as an opportunity to educate voters in New Hampshire. He noted that they worked with Vet the Vote to send a letter to veterans throughout the state encouraging them to serve as a poll worker. He added that they are working to plan an event for the fall where veterans will be invited to participate in a simulated election experience imitating the activities that take place in a polling place on Election Day. He noted that the event will be filmed, and they are planning to post the video online to help train poll workers and educate the public on the voting process.

Ms. Gustafson noted that Vet the Vote is currently looking to expand the platform to reach veteran military family members in other states, and she encouraged states to reach out about potential partnerships.

Reynolds introduced Wayne Bena, Nebraska Director of Elections, to discuss poll worker recruitment efforts in Nebraska. He noted that in 2020 Nebraska launched the "Step Up" campaign to help encourage younger voters to serve as poll workers during the pandemic. He noted that prior to the campaign 35 counties were already sending out poll worker recruitment mailers, and as part of the campaign all 93 counties participated in the efforts to recruit poll workers through the "Step Up" mailer. He added that the mailer included information on the requirements to be a poll worker, and were prepopulated for return to the relevant local election office. He noted that Nebraska was able to gain a number of new poll workers through the effort, and as a result they didn't have many issues with recruitment in 2022.

Mr. Bena also described a state law in Nebraska that authorizes counties to draft poll workers at random from the local population, similar to jury duty. He noted that only a few counties have had to utilize the law, and it wasn't used during the pandemic.

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Reynolds asked if any other states are considering similar legislation that would authorize poll worker drafting. New Hampshire noted that a state legislator was interested in doing so, but the effort didn't get very far.

Reynolds introduced Karen Brinson Bell, North Carolina Direction of Elections, to discuss the My Democracy Heroes poll worker recruitment campaign. Ms. Bell noted that the program was launched in 2020, and has become an ongoing part of poll worker recruitment efforts. She added that the program was promoted mainly through social media and media outreach. She noted that the program includes an online form with information on poll worker qualifications, and fields for the applicant to provide contact information and other relevant information. She added that when the form is submitted online, it's received by the State Board of Elections, and the State Board then generates a spreadsheet that it sends to all counties. She noted that the counties go through the spreadsheet to identify applicants from their jurisdiction. She added that in 2020, about 55,000 people submitted the online form, which helped counties fill their poll worker needs.

Reynolds asked if local jurisdictions have any challenges going through the spreadsheet to identify applicants from their county. Ms. Bell indicated that that it hasn't been an issue, and noted that larger counties utilize database tools to pull out the relevant data.

Reynolds noted that many states have information about becoming a poll worker on their election websites, and some of those states include a form for collecting information about potential poll workers. She said she was wondering how those states transfer the information collected to the relevant county or local jurisdiction. She noted that South Carolina indicated that they have an online form that prepopulates the email address for local election offices, so the form is submitted directly to that office. She added that NASS heard similar feedback from participants in a recent NASS Tech Talk. She asked states to share if they use any other methods for transferring the information to local election offices.

Reynolds noted that in 2013 NASS adopted a Resolution Urging the National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates. She added that the resolution was amended and reauthorized in 2018, and is set to expire unless reauthorized at the upcoming summer conference.

She noted that the resolution was originally passed following passage of the MOVE Act, which required states to send UOCAVA ballots 45 days before the election. She added that at the time, the nominating conventions were being held later in the summer, and the resolution encouraged the political parties to set earlier convention dates. She noted that NASS staff made some proposed revisions to streamline the resolution, and specifically encourage the parties to hold the conventions in the mid-June to mid-August timeframe. She noted that there won't be much time to discuss the resolution during the Elections Committee meeting because the agenda is full, and wanted to use the virtual meeting as an opportunity get any comments or feedback.

Tonia Tunnell from Arizona noted that the political parties may not be aware of the 45-day ballot mailing deadline under UOCAVA, as well as the additional time necessary for states to construct the ballot, and suggested that it might be helpful to specifically mention that in the resolution. Reynolds agreed with the suggestion and said NASS would work to update the proposed revisions accordingly.

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Reynolds noted that NASS will be sending out materials for the upcoming NASS summer conference in the next several days. She added that the meetings at the conference will consist mainly of shared practice presentations from member offices.

Secretary Pate encouraged NASS members and their staff to review the NASS summer conference materials prior to the conference.

The meeting ended at 3:15 PM ET.

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From: Matt Braynard
To: Hamza Syinefond
Subject: April Webinar plus Movie & Book Nights
Date: Monday, April 03, 2023 1:36:08 PM
Attachments: LAA_CommOrgTrainingWeb 2 copy.png

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Starting April 10, 2023:

> *"Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism" Book* by Robert Jay Lifton
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> Informed by Erik Erikson's concept of the formation of ego identity, this book, which first appeared in 1961, is an analysis of the experiences of 15 Chinese citizens and 25 Westerners who underwent "brainwashing" by the Communist Chinese government. Robert Lifton constructs these case histories through personal interviews and outlines a thematic pattern of death and rebirth, accompanied by feelings of guilt, that characterizes the process of "thought reform." In a new preface, Lifton addresses the implications of his model for the study of American religious cults.

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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: No Call Tomorrow (3/23), NASS Canivote.org Website Review, 3/23 DHS Webinar on Homeland Security Grant Program for Election Security, Job Listings on NASS.org, House Hearing on Election Observer Access
Date:	Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:42:32 AM
Importance:	High

Hi all,

NASSâ Canivote.org Review â Check out links for your state

NASS launched canivote.org in 2008. It is the site we developed to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions we were hearing about elections. We DO NOT create content, we link directly to the page on your website where the answers to these commonly asked questions can be found. We check these links regularly as you add new content or change various pages on your sites. Please review your links to ensure we are accurately portraying the most current information to these questions. I will note that we do link to two outside sources â the Federal Voting Assistance Programâ s (FVAP) site for military and overseas voting and US Vote Foundationâ s directory of local election officials.

DHS Webinar Tomorrow (3/23) at 2:00PM ET for Election Officials on Homeland Security Grant Programs

DHS is putting on a webinar tomorrow for potential applicants and stakeholders in its Homeland Security Grant Program, with a focus on uses of these funds for election security. They say that the target audience for this webinar would be state and local government and law enforcement officials. The webinar should provide guidance on how to spend these funds on election security and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to get questions answered. More info available here: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-23-nofo#a

You can access the webinarâ ¯here:â ¯â ¯https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItde-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw

Below are the sample election security-related uses of these funds that DHS has in its FAQ as examples of potential uses of these funds.

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures â e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the â .govâ internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services

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Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Additionally, here is a NASS Briefing: Federal Grant Programs for SLTT Security Expenses (March 2023)

Promotion of Job Openings in SOS/Lt. Governor Offices

On a recent call with your Chief Deputies, we discussed recruiting for open positions in your office. Weâ re already amplifying individual state election office job postings when we see them on social media, but we are also happy to add links to those postings on our job listings page so it becomes another place potential employees look. Please feel free to share them with us and we will also amplify those postings regularly.

House Administrationâ s Elections Subcommittee holds 3/23 Hearing: 2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access

Tomorrow (3/23) at 10:30AM ET, the House Adminâ s Elections Subcommittee will hold a hearing titled **2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access**. Scheduled witnesses are:

- Ms. Lynn Taylor President, Virginia Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Josh Findlay National Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee
- Mr. Michael Cunnington Former Congressional Observer
- The Honorable Benjamin Hovland Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Ms. Lisa Lyons County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan

Remember â NO NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (3/23)

Thanks,
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From:	Reynolds, Leslie
To:	Reynolds; Leslie
Cc:	Dodd, Stacy; Milhofer, John; Maria Benson; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Notes from 6/29 Call, CISA Announces Cait Conley Will Take Over for Wyman, Proposed Revision to NASS Resolution
Date:	Friday, June 30, 2023 11:40:21 AM
Attachments:	notes-elections-062923.docx draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Notes from 6/29 Call

Attached you will find the notes from our call yesterday. Thanks for all who joined!

CISA Announces Kim Wymanâ s Departure and the Expansion of Cait Conleyâ s Portfolio

CISA announced today that Kim Wyman will be leaving for the private sector at the end of July and that Cait Conley will take over her role as liaison with the election community. Some of you who have been around for awhile might remember Cait. She was at Harvardâs Belfer Center helping us to do the first tabletop exercises, she has run a Turning Election Staff into Battle Staff workshop at a previous NASS conference and she has more energy than anyone I have ever met

From CISA:

WASHINGTON â Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Jen Easterly announced today that Cait Conley, Senior Advisor to the Director, will take on additional responsibilities supporting CISAâ s election security efforts. Conley will spearhead CISAâ s partnership engagement and coordination efforts with election officials across the nation as they continue to serve as the frontline defenders of election infrastructure.

â Our work to support election officials across the nation remains one of CISAâ s highest priorities. Cait is a dedicated public servant and combat-tested U.S. Army veteran with extensive operational and leadership experience working top national security priorities, including cybersecurity and counterterrorism. This experience, combined with her work leading the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, make her ideally suited to help those state and local officials carrying out elections in every community in America. Iâ m thrilled to have her take on this responsibility,â **said CISA Director Easterly**. â I want to thank Kim Wyman, who will be departing CISA at the end of July for an opportunity in a private sector. Kim has been an invaluable Senior Election Security Lead over the past year and a half, strengthening our partnerships across the election community and maturing our operations. Iâ m pleased that she will remain as an informal advisor and friend to Team CISA, as well as a critical partner in the broader election security community.â

â It has been an honor to lead CISAâ s election security efforts and to work side-by-side with so many talented and dedicated colleagues,â **said Wyman.** â I thank Director Easterly for the opportunity to support election officials in this role and to be part of this important mission. I am proud of the team and what weâ ve already been able to accomplish. I have worked with Cait for the past several years in this election security space

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and know that CISA is in good hands with Cait joining the effort going forward.â

â Iâ m thrilled to take on this responsibility and canâ t wait to hit the ground running,â **said Conley.** â We have an amazing elections team here at CISA which has been working year-round to support state and local election officials in ensuring the security and resilience of elections. I am excited to return to the election security mission and build on the incredible progress CISA has made over the last several years.â

Conley brings a wealth of experience in election security. She previously served as the Executive Director of the bipartisan Defending Digital Democracy Project, based out of Harvard Universityâ s Belfer Center, where she led the development and implementation of strategies, tools and recommendations for election administrators, election infrastructure providers, campaign organizations, and leaders involved in democratic processes to better defend against cybersecurity threats. She is also an experienced combat veteran with demonstrated leadership in global special operations, cyber operations, and counterterrorism.

Proposed Revised Resolution for the NASS Elections Committee on 7/11

Yesterday on the call, we reviewed the resolution which will come before the Elections Committee on July 11th. One edit was suggested and has been included in the attached version. Please review and let me know if you have any edits.

Thanks, and Happy 4th Weekend!

Best,
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Date:	Friday, June 23, 2023 2:46:19 PM
Attachments:	NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 6 29 23 draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

NASS Elections Committee Call on Thursday, June 29 at 2:30PM ET – Calendar Info Attached
Next Thursday on our call, we will review the NASS Resolution Urging the National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates. NASS staff has made some revisions to this resolution, which you will find attached.

Additionally, on our call we would like to hear from states with Poll Worker Recruitment Initiatives. I already have two states lined up to discuss. **Please let me know if you'd like to join the two**. In addition to state initiatives to recruit, **we'd also be interested to hear how those states who have poll worker recruitment pages on their site, get those applications or information to local election officials**.

Thanks, everyone. I hope you have a great weekend!

Best,
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Resolution Urging the National Political Parties to Set Early Nominating Convention Dates

WHEREAS, the nation's Chief Election Official Secretaries of State and Lt. Governors have spent many years working with the major political parties to increase awareness around election administration issues and laws in setting national convention dates;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has in previous years sent letters to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Republican National Committee (RNC), noting that late timing of nominating conventions can hinder the ability of election officials to meet administrative deadlines set by state statute and federal law, leaving ballot certification and voting processes susceptible to delays.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASS hereby encourages the RNC, the DNC and other major national parties to set national convention dates for all presidential election cycles during the mid-June to mid-August timeframe to better ensure the timely certification, preparation, and mailing of absentee ballots to the nation's more than six million military and overseas citizens in accordance with federal law (the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASS members who serve as Chief State Election Officials shall seek to promote this resolution with their state party leaders.

Adopted the 16th day of July, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA
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Subject:	NASS Elections Committee: Elections Ctte Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET, House Approps Subctte Approves Financial Serv and General Gov FY2024 Approps bill, Register for TTX
Date:	Wednesday, June 28, 2023 1:07:25 PM
Attachments:	NASS Elections Committee WebEx Bi-Weekly Call - 6 29 23 draft-reauthorization-nass-resolution-party-convention-dates.docx TTV2023 State Registration Form.xlsx
Importance:	High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

NASS Elections Committee Call Tomorrow (6/29) at 2:30PM ET – Calendar Info Attached

Please don't forget to join our call tomorrow at 2:30PM ET. We will review the NASS Resolution Urging National Political Parties to Set Earlier Nominating Convention Dates. NASS staff has revised the resolution, with approval from the Elections Committee Co-Chairs, and the revised version (attached) will be reviewed on the call tomorrow.

We will also hear from two states on poll worker recruitment efforts – NH and NE. **I am still looking for a state to address how they share poll worker info collected on the Secretary's website with local jurisdictions.**

House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee Passes FY2024 Approps Bill – Up Next Full Approps Committee and House Floor

Before the House left last week for their District Work Session, the House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee passed their FY2024 bill. There are some items of interest.

First, the EAC operating budget has been reduced by $8 million and there are no election security funds available for states.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES- For necessary expenses to carry out the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–252), $20,000,000, of which $1,500,000 shall be made available to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for election reform activities authorized under the Help America Vote 12 Act of 2002.

Second, federal agencies identified in the March 2021 Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting will not be able to use funds appropriated in FY2024 for these activities, with the exception of Sec. 7- Ensuring Equal Access for Voters with Disabilities, Sec. 8 – Ensuring Access to Voting for Active Duty Military and Overseas Citizens, and Sec. 10 – Establishing a Native American Voting Rights Steering Group.

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SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. 4 Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order.

Please note that the bill now moves to the full Appropriations Committee for a vote and then on to the House floor. The Senate has not really begun their appropriations process yet.

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New EAC Website

I just went on the EAC website to look for something and they have launched their new website.

House Admin Full Committee Field Hearing in Atlanta, GA on July 10th at 2:30PM ET: The Path to Election Integrity Across America

On **Monday, July 10 2023, at 2:30 p.m. ET**, the Committee on House Administration will hold a full committee field hearing titled, "American Confidence in Elections: The Path to Election Integrity Across America." The hearing will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Don't Forget to Register for the National Tabletop the Vote for August 15, 16 and 17 – Registration Form Attached

Please join us for *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise*, sponsored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in coordination with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). The purpose of this exercise is to identify best practices and areas for improvement in election planning, identification, response, and recovery.

Please think about the people you communicate with before, during and after Election Day – state staff (elections, comms, IT, legal) local election officials, law enforcement, fusion center, emergency managers, election vendors, etc. to include when you register. Many of you will want to bring everyone possible into the same room, others will utilize Webex links for participants.

Exercise Details:

Dates: August 15, 16, and 17, 2023

- The exercise repeats with the same scenario on each of the three days. There is no need to participate every day. States/territories may participate on more than one day and are welcome to include different participants each day.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET
Format: Plenary and Breakout sessions
Virtual Platform: Webex
Attendance Limits:

- **States**: Each state has up to 18 connections per day
- **D.C. and U.S. Territories**: Up to 5 connections per day
- **Connections are** a single login to Webex. This could be one individual accessing the Webex platform remotely or an individual accessing the Webex platform from a conference room where more attendees are gathered.

Registration Instructions:

1. Each state or territorial election office completes the attached Tabletop the Vote 2023 Registration spreadsheet by compiling all registrants for the state or territory and **returns it to CISA at TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov, by July 31, 2023. Please note this is a firm deadline due to limitations with the Webex platform.**
    a. The election office must select the day(s) participants will attend. Be sure to include yourselves on the spreadsheet if you will attend.

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b. Identify a Primary Point of Contact (POC), a facilitator (who will guide discussion in your breakout room each participating day), participants, and observers. Please consider including local election officials, relevant private sector, federal government, and state/territorial/local government partners, such as IT and election vendors, CISA and FBI regional staff, state/local emergency management personnel, state/territorial/local IT personnel, state/territorial/local law enforcement personnel, and state National Guard personnel as participants. Examples of observers include state legislators, county commissioners, or other organizations who provide election resources at the state/territory and local level.
c. Each state is initially permitted 18 connections per day. Each territory and D.C. is initially permitted 5 connections per day. Please do not exceed this number. Please indicate in the spreadsheet which individuals require a Webex connection.
d. If you wish to include more than the allotted 18 connections per state or 5 per territory and D.C. should they become available, please tell us in the body of the email with your registration spreadsheet. CISA will follow-up after the initial registration period if additional connections are available.
e. **Please be aware that this is a closed-press event. No real-world media personnel should be invited to attend the exercise.**

2. The person submitting the RSVP will receive an email confirming receipt. POCs, facilitators, participants, and observers will be sent an email with the Webex link for the day they are registered no later than August 4, 2023.

Registrants will be provided technical instructions and exercise reference materials closer to the exercise.

Should you have any questions, please email TTXVote@cisa.dhs.gov . We look forward to having you participate in the sixth annual *Tabletop the Vote 2023: National Election Exercise.*

Thanks,
Leslie

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From:	Mike Smith via NPA Gov"t Members
To:	NPA Gov"t Members
Subject:	[NPA Gov"t Members] 25th Notary Public Administrators/NASS Summer Conference - Recap - https://npa-section.com/index.html
Date:	Friday, July 14, 2023 8:35:13 AM
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Dear NPA Members and Friends,

Happy Friday and happy return to the office after a successful and entertaining 25th Notary Public Administrators Conference in Washington, DC! Special thanks to Leslie Reynolds, NASS Executive Director, and Stacy Dodd, NASS Director of Membership & Administration, for all of the hard work that enables NPA to come together each year!

For those who attended, NPA hopes that you gained knowledge through the sharing of ideas and information. The session topics were targeted and beneficial as we continue to carry out our duties as notary administrators. Each year, we discover how much we have in common as we strive to elevate the role of notaries public in our jurisdictions.

We kicked off the week with gracious remarks from NPA's Liaison to the NASS Executive Board, the Honorable Kimberly Bassett, Secretary of the District, District of Columbia. In Secretary Bassett's role as Liaison, she represents NPA's interests with the NASS Executive Board, as she semi-annually reports NPA's activities. Secretary Bassett is a great friend of NPA, and we thank her for her contributions and opening this year's conference.

Perhaps the highlight of the week was the recognition of Secretary Elaine Marshall (NC) and former Secretary Al Jaeger (ND). Celebrating its 25th year, the Notary Public Administrators created the Jaeger-Marshall NPA Achievement Award this year in an effort to annually recognize those who have contributed to the betterment of NPA and the entire notary industry with their expertise, support and vision.
It is appropriate that because of the significant role that Secretary Marshall and former Secretary Jaeger played in the creation of the Notary Public Administrators, and also because of their continued guidance and support over the past 25 years, the newly-created NPA Achievement Award be forever known as the *Jaeger-Marshall NPA Achievement Award*. Please see photo attached (photo credit: Philip Smith, 1L Photo). Thank you to Jasen Stoffer, Nevada NPA and NPA Western Regional Representative for designing and fabricating the beautiful awards seen in the photo. Nomination information for the 2024 Jaeger-Marshall NPA Achievement Award will be coming later this year.

Another item of significance from the week was that NASS formally re-affirmed the *NASS Support for The Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards and Remote Online Notarization Standards.* The revision of *the Standards* was a year-long project undertaken by NPA. To those who contributed their comments, suggestions, time and effort into the project, thank you! We hope that jurisdictions and the entire notary industry will benefit for years to come. NASS also re-affirmed the *Resolution*

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for the Adoption of National Apostille Issuance Guidelines (https://www.nass.org/node/1477). With the re-affirmations, both resolutions' effectiveness is extended until summer 2028.

And, finally, thank you to the NPA Executive Board and Regional Representatives for their diligence and effort in making this week possible!

Mike

Mike Smith
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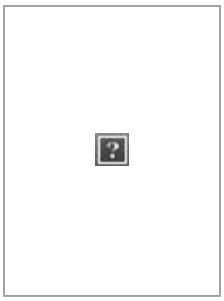

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Highlights and news of the 2023 NASS Summer Conference held last week in Washington, DC have been published to the NASS site https://www.nass.org/ . Of particular note for Notary Public Administrators are the resolutions (https://www.nass.org/node/2552 ; https://www.nass.org/node/2550) approved by member vote during the NASS Business Meeting on July 12. Also, special thanks to Maria Benson, NASS Director of Communications, for including news about the presentation of the inaugural Jaeger-Marshall NPA Achievement Awards to their namesakes!

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Date:	Wednesday, May 03, 2023 4:10:28 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT FOR COMMENT Amendments - NASS eNot Standards incl Remote.docx

Greetings, all. On behalf of Mike Smith, President of the Notary Public Administrators Section of NASS, I am notifying you of the final opportunity to submit comments on proposed amendments to the National Electronic Notarization Standards of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

To all who have already commented, thank you! To those who have not yet submitted comments, please act on this final call—your input is desired and valuable.

Please submit comments to mike.smith@gsccca.org, no later than May 12, 2023. Comments will be accepted through the very end of that day.

With thanks and regards, kb

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NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards and Remote Online Notarization Addendum

Mission Statement

It is the goal of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to endorse and promote these technology neutral standards, developed originally by the National E-Notarization Commission for secure and feasible implementation of in-person electronic notarization, and amended to include remote electronic notarization. In the event of ambiguity of a term or standard, it should be interpreted in favor of technology neutrality.

Foreword

The National E-Notarization Commission, whose formation was endorsed and sanctioned by NASS at our 2006 Winter Conference, developed the original in-person, electronic notarization standards. These standards were presented to NASS members for consideration at our 2006 Summer Conference. The members voted unanimously to adopt the Standards, and voted to reaffirm the Standards at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference.

At our 2016 Conference, the in-person, e-notarization Standards were again reaffirmed. ~~, however this version included several~~ Included were amendments proposed by the NASS Notary Public Administrators Section (NPA Section) ~~designed~~ to streamline and clarify the Standards.

In April 2016, NASS formed the Remote Electronic Notarization Task Force to examine the topic of remote electronic notarization. The Task Force consisted of NASS members, members of NPA, various industry/government stakeholders and private sector advisors.

At the Summer 2017 Conference, NASS adopted a resolution authorizing the convening of appropriate parties to facilitate adoption of remote notarization and advance secure electronic commerce through development of ~~develop remote notarization~~ standards to ~~enabling remote notarizations that will~~ protect the credibility of ~~the process~~ remote notarizations, help prevent identity fraud and provide accountability to the public ~~in order to advance secure electronic commerce~~. Through a series of in-person meetings and conference calls the Task Force developed ~~an~~ a remote electronic notarization Addendum to the in-person electronic notarization Standards ~~to accommodate remote electronic notarization~~. These changes were adopted by the NASS membership at the Winter 2018 Conference.

In 2022, the NPA Section convened a working group to review the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards, including the remote notarization Addendum, prior to the Standards' scheduled 2023 expiration. The NPA Section's recommendations are presented herein (text underline and strikethrough styles indicate new text and recommended text deletions).

The 2022 NPA working group's recommendations contemplate models of technology-assisted notarization currently authorized in various state laws:

1. In-person electronic notarization (IPEN)—performed for a physically present individual executing an electronic record. The individual is personally known to the Notary, or presents state-authorized tangible ID credentials, or where authorized produces a credible witness or witnesses to verify the individual's identity.

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2. Remote online notarization (RON)—performed for a remotely located individual executing an electronic or (where authorized) tangible (paper) record. The individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by state-authorized, multi-factor identity verification methods.

3. Remote-ink notarization (RIN)—performed for a remotely located individual executing a tangible record. Individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by displaying state-authorized, tangible ID credentials for remote visual inspection by the Notary. The executed, tangible record is subsequently sent to the Notary for completion of the notarial certificate.

These standards do not in any way require the use of one specific technology, nor are they intended to privilege the use of one specific technology over another, nor do they limit the utilization of electronic signatures outside the electronic notarization process.

Definitions

1. ~~12. "Registration and register" mean a separate commission to perform electronic notarial acts under the laws of this State, or registration with the commissioning official in compliance with these standards.~~ "Authorization" means a separate commission to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the laws of this State; or a registration or notification of intent, filed with the commissioning/appointing official, to perform electronic or remote notarial acts in compliance with these standards. The term "authorized" indicates such authorization.[1]

2. "Capable of independent verification" means that any interested person may confirm, through the commissioning/appointing official or official custodian of state Notary Public commission or appointment records, that a Notary Public who signed an electronic record in an official capacity had the authority at that time to perform electronic notarial acts.

3. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

4. Electronic ~~document~~ record" means information that is created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

5. "Electronic notarial act" means an official act by a Notary Public on or involving an electronic ~~document~~ record and using electronic means authorized by the [commissioning/appointing official] or the laws of the jurisdiction of appointment. The term includes "electronic notarization."

6. "Electronic notarial certificate" means the portion of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that is completed by the Notary Public or notarial officer, bears the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature and/or official electronic seal, official title, commission number, commission expiration date, any required information concerning the date and place of the electronic notarization, and such other information required by state law ~~and~~ including the method of

[1] This new Definition accommodates states' varying administrative requirements for a Notary Public to actually begin performing electronic or remote notarial acts. The terms "authorization" and "authorized" indicate an individual permitted to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the law of the commissioning state, whether the individual was required to "register," "notify," be separately "commissioned," etc.

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performing the notarial act, and states the facts attested to or certified by the Notary Public or notarial officer in a particular electronic notarization.[2]

7. "Electronic Notary seal" and "official electronic seal" mean information within a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that includes the Notary Public's name, jurisdiction of appointment, commission number, and commission expiration date, and generally corresponds to data in Notary Public seals used on ~~paper documents~~ tangible records.[3]

8. "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic ~~document~~ record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic ~~document or~~ record.

9. "Electronically enabled Notary Public" means a Notary Public who has registered with the [commissioning/appointing official] the capability of performing electronic notarial acts in conformance with these Standards.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] "Law" and "laws" mean all of the following: a state's statutes or code of laws; a state's administrative rules or regulations; a state's executive order, declaration, or proclamation; any directive or guidance of the state official regulating Notaries Public.

10. "Non-repudiation" means the inability of the signer of an electronic ~~document or~~ record to deny their electronic signature without factual basis. [4]

11. "Notary electronic signature" means those forms of electronic signature ~~which have been~~ approved, specified or allowed by ~~the commissioning official~~ state law as an acceptable means for an Electronic Notary to affix the Notary's official signature to an electronic record that is being notarized.

12. "Notary Public" means an individual commissioned or appointed to perform a notarial act by the [commissioning/appointing officer or agency] of this State.[5]

[List number to be assigned if approved.] "Notarial officer" means a notary public or other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] Person — "a person," "any person" or "all other persons" mean an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

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[2] ~~Although~~ The definitions for "electronic notarial certificate" and "Electronic Notary seal" ~~have references~~ refer to "commission number," "commission expiration" and "Notary seal," ~~it is recognized that~~ though some jurisdictions do not issue commission numbers or require Notary seals. Other jurisdictions ~~that~~ issue life-long Notary commissions that do not have expiration dates.

[3] See Footnote 2.

[4] "Non-repudiation" as defined in these Standards ~~is intended to create~~ establishes a presumption of the ~~regularity and reliability~~ integrity of electronically executed records ~~so they may be relied upon by third parties~~.]

[5] The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts differentiates "Notary Public" from "notarial officer," which is a Notary Public OR other individual—for example, judges, clerks, etc.—authorized under state law to perform a notarial act.

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13. "Personal appearance" and "appears before the Notary" mean that the principal and the Notary Public: are physically close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and give identification credentials to each other, or interact through the use of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology as defined in ~~addendum~~ "Standards—Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of Communication Technology."

14. Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

15. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

16. "Tamper-evident" means that any change~~s~~ to an electronic ~~document~~ record shall display evidence of the change.

17. "Under the Notary Public's sole control" means accessible by the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities. [6]

18. "Unique to the Notary Public" ~~and "under the sole control" mean with respect to an electronic notarization that the signing device used to affix the electronic signature of the Notary Public and to render the official electronic seal information tamper-evident must be accessible by and attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities for the necessary period of time that such device is engaged and operating to effectuate the authorized electronic notarization.~~ means, with respect to an electronic notarial act, that the electronic signature of the Notary Public is attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons.[7]

Standards

Personal Appearance Requirement

1. A Notary Public shall not perform an electronic ~~notarization~~ notarial act if the ~~document~~ signer of the electronic record does not appear ~~in person~~ before the Notary Public at the time of notarization.

2. The methods for identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of an electronic record ~~document signers for an electronic notarization where the signer is in the physical presence of the notary~~ shall at a minimum be the same as the methods required for ~~a paper-based notarization~~ identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of a tangible record.[8]

[6] As defined, the term "under the Notary Public's sole control" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these Standards.

[7] As defined, the term "unique to the Notary Public" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these standards.

[8] Under no circumstances shall a Notary Public base identification merely upon familiarity with a signer's electronic signature, or an electronic verification process that authenticates the signer's electronic signature, when the signer does not appear personally before a Notary Public.

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~~Registration~~ Authorization Requirement

3. ~~The commissioning official shall require a notary public to register the capability to notarize electronically before performing any electronic notarial act. Such registration shall be with the [commissioning official] every time a notary public adopts a new or additional technology with which to perform electronic notarial acts.~~ The commissioning/appointing official shall require a Notary Public to be duly authorized prior to performing any electronic notarial act. Authorization shall be by means prescribed in law or administrative rules of the commissioning/appointing official, and shall be subject to update, renewal, non-renewal and termination requirements prescribed in law or administrative rules.

4. The commissioning/appointing official ~~shall~~ may require a Notary Public ~~who registers the capability of performing~~ filing for [or requesting] authorization to perform electronic notarial acts to provide the following information: a) the electronic technology or technologies to be used in attaching or logically associating an electronic notarial signature, seal and certificate to an electronic ~~document~~ record; b) an exemplar of the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal~~,~~; ~~and~~ c) any necessary instructions or techniques supplied by the vendor that allow the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal to be read~~.~~; and d) any other information specified by the commissioning/appointing official. [9]

Form and Manner of Performing the Electronic Notarial Act

5. When performing an electronic notarization, a Notary Public shall complete an electronic notarial certificate and attach or logically associate the Notary's electronic signature and seal to that certificate in a tamper-evident manner. ~~Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.~~

6. The Notary Public's electronic signature and official electronic seal are ~~is~~ deemed to be reliable if they are ~~the following requirements are met~~:
   (a) ~~it is~~ unique to the Notary Public,
   (b) ~~it is~~ capable of independent verification,
   (c) ~~it is~~ retained under the Notary Public's sole control,[10] and
   (d) ~~it is~~ attached to or logically associated with the electronic record ~~document~~ in a tamper-evident manner.

   Evidence of tampering pursuant to these Standards may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

[9] The technologies that a state may authorize for an electronic notarization will dictate how the attachment or logical association of the electronic notarial certificate, electronic signature, and official electronic seal to the ~~document~~ record will be accomplished. ~~It is possible that~~ The electronic signature and seal may possibly be combined in a single element; or ~~that~~ the seal may be a component of the signature or vice versa. The important matter is that all of the Notary Public's identifying and commissioning information be made a part of, or a secure attachment to, the underlying notarized electronic record. Although the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) and the federal ESIGN Act can be read to have eliminated the need for a physical seal image as a requirement for determining whether an electronic record ~~document~~ is an "original" versus a copy, the seal requirement remains essential to authenticating records under federal and state rules of evidence. What is important is that the basic identifying and commissioning information—contained in the Notary Public's holographic signature and traditional inking and embossing Notary seals—are also elements of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record.]

[10] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned Notary Public.

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7. The Notary Public's electronic signature in combination with the Electronic Notary seal shall be used only for the purpose of performing electronic notarial acts.

8. ~~The~~ A Notary Public's liability, sanctions, and remedies for ~~the~~ improper~~ly~~ performing ~~performance of~~ electronic notarial acts are the same as described and provided by law for the Notary's improper performance of non-electronic notarial acts.

Security Requirements

9. ~~The~~ A Notary Public shall not disclose any access information used to affix the Electronic Notary's signature and seal except when requested by law enforcement, the courts, and with reasonable precautions, electronic ~~document~~ record preparation and transmission vendors.[11]

Authenticating the Notarial Act; Requirements

10. Electronic notarial acts ~~need to~~ shall fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation and the capability of being authenticated by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority for purposes of issuing Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication. They are as follows: a) the fact of the notarial act, including the Notary's identity, signature, and commission status, must be verifiable by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority and b) the notarized electronic ~~document~~ record will be rendered ineligible for authentication by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority if it is improperly modified after the time of notarization, including any unauthorized alterations to the ~~document~~ record's content, the electronic notarial certificate, the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature, and/or the Notary Public's or notarial officer's official electronic seal.[12]

Issuance of Electronic Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication, Requirements

11. Electronic Apostilles ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Apostille by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Apostille must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Apostille from the public document.[13]

12. Electronic Certificates of Authentication (or Appointment) ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Certificate by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Certificate must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Certificate from the public document.

[11] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned/appointed ~~individual~~ Notary.

[12] "Authentication" in this context is "a certification of the genuineness of the official character, i.e., signature and seal, or position of a foreign official. It is an act done with the intention of causing a record which has been executed or issued in one jurisdiction to be recognized in another jurisdiction. Records which may require authentication include legal instruments notarized by foreign Notaries or other officials, and copies of public records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, issued by foreign record keepers." (22 CRF 92.36)]

[13] **The Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication) and the underlying record** are legally joined. Therefore, any separation legally invalidates the Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication). To ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Apostille (or electronic Certificate of Authentication) must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term "public document" is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law's Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

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~~Addendum~~ Standards: Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

As used in this Addendum, the terms in Standards 1-15 (Definitions) have the meanings ~~ascribed~~ provided therein. In addition:

1. ~~"Audio-video communication"~~ "Communication technology" means ~~being able to see, hear, and communicate with another individual in real time using electronic means~~ an electronic device or process that (a) allows a Notary Public and a remotely located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously by sight and sound; and (b) when necessary and consistent with other applicable law, facilitates communication with a remotely located individual who has a vision, hearing, or speech impairment.

2. "Credential analysis" means a process or service operating according to criteria allowed by the commissioning/appointing official ~~authority~~ through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a government-issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

3. "Dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment" means an identity assessment that is based on a set of questions formulated from public or proprietary data sources for which the principal has not provided a prior answer.

4. "Identity proofing" means a process or service ~~operating according to criteria approved by the commissioning official through which a third person or party affirms the identity of an individual through review of personal information from public or proprietary data sources.~~by which a third person provides a Notary Public or notarial officer, as applicable, with a means to verify the identity of a remotely located individual by a review of personal information from public or private data sources.

5. "Public key certificate" means an electronic credential which is used to identify an individual who signed an electronic record with the certificate.

6. "Real time" means the actual span of uninterrupted, simultaneous communication during which all parts of an electronic notarial act occur.

7. "Remote electronic notarization system" means a set of applications, programs, hardware, software, or technology designed to enable an Electronic Notary Public to perform electronic notarial acts through ~~audio-video~~ communication technology.

8. "Remotely presented" means the transmission of a quality image of a government-issued identification credential to an Electronic Notary Public through communication technology for the purpose of enabling the Electronic Notary Public to identify the ~~person~~ individual appearing before the Electronic Notary Public and to perform a credential analysis.

Authority to Perform Electronic Notarization Using ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

9. A duly authorized Notary Public may perform an electronic notarial act ~~for~~ involving an electronic ~~document~~ record by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology for a principal who is not in person with the Notary Public but is located:
   (a) in the state where the Notary is commissioned;
   (b) outside of the state where the Notary is commissioned but within the United States; or

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(c) outside the United States if:
   i. the act is not prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located at the time of the act; and
   ii. the record is part of or pertains to a matter that is to be filed with or is before a court, governmental entity, or other entity located in the United States or involves property located in, or a transaction substantially connected with, the United States.

10. A Notary Public or notarial officer who performs an electronic notarial act for a principal by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall be located within the state where the Notary Public or notarial officer is commissioned or appointed at the time the electronic notarial act is performed. The Notary Public or notarial officer shall include a statement in the electronic notarial certificate to indicate that the electronic notarial act was performed by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology. The statement may also be included in the Electronic Notary seal.

Remote Electronic Notarization Systems, Requirements

11. A remote electronic notarization system used to perform electronic notarial acts by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall:
   (a) provide sufficient audio clarity and video resolution to enable the Notary and the principal to see and speak to each other simultaneously through live, real-time transmission; and
   (b) include a means of authentication that reasonably ensures only the ~~proper~~ authorized parties have access to the ~~audio-video~~ communication technology; and
   (c) provide some manner of ensuring that the electronic record that is presented for electronic notarization is the same record electronically signed by the principal; and
   (d) enable the Notary Public to verify the identity of the principal through multiple identity verification methods, which may include: completion of a dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment; credential analysis of a remotely presented government-issued identification that contains the signature and a photograph of the principal; a valid public key certificate; or any other identity proofing method adopted by the commissioning/appointing official; and
   (e) be capable of securely creating, storing, and accessing an electronic recording of the audio-video communication; and
   (f) be capable of securely creating, storing, accessing and reproducing a copy of the recording, and capable of producing all recordings, in response to a request from the Notary Public, commissioning/appointing official, and law enforcement in the course of an investigation; and
   (g) provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to: the live transmission of the audio-video communication; ~~a~~ the recording of the audio-video communication; the verification methods and credentials used to verify the identity of the principal; and the electronic ~~documents~~ records presented for electronic notarization.

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This may be of interest to those who were not able to be on the call Tuesday.

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Importance: High

Dear NASS Business Services Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors,

Thank you to all who were able to join us on Tuesday, April 11 to discuss the SECURE Notarization Act with Rep. Armstrong's Counsel, Casey Fitzpatrick. I hope the call was helpful to you. Attached you will find the notes from the call, as well as our summary with some of the questions posed by NASS staff and states prior to the call.

As Casey indicated, sponsors for the legislation in the Senate will likely be Sen. Cramer (R-ND) and Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), as they were sponsors of this legislation in previous years. The House version of the bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but it has not come up before the committee yet.

NASS does not have a position on this legislation, but we will continue to help coordinate discussions on the legislation and will work to get someone from the Senate to join us for a call. If you have

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comments you'd like to share with your Senators, it is best to start with those who serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

It appears the conversations this committee has had on this legislation with congressional staff of drafters have not been considered over the past several years, so I urge you to reach out directly to your Senators.

Best,
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NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds noted that the purpose of the call was to discuss the SECURE Notarization Act, which would authorize notaries nationwide to perform remote notarization. She noted that NASS has been following the SECURE Act since it was originally introduced in 2020 by Sen. Cramer (R-ND) and Senator Warner (D-VA). She noted that previous versions of the bill have been introduced in both the House and Senate, and the bill passed the House in 2021 and 2022, but no action was taken in the Senate. She added that the bill passed the House again earlier this year, but there has not yet been any activity in the Senate. She noted that the House bill was sponsored by Rep. Armstrong (R-ND), and she introduced Casey Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief of Staff and Counsel for Rep. Armstrong, to discuss the bill with the Committee.

Reynolds asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if his office worked with Senator Cramer and Senator Warner's offices in introducing the House bill, and whether there are any plans to introduce the bill in the Senate. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that they have worked with both Senator's offices, and said they have spoken with Senator Warner's office about reintroducing the bill in the Senate, but he wasn't certain if that would occur. He added that it was his understanding that the Senate may have some concerns about the bill that they need to address before it is introduced. He pointed out that the genesis for Rep. Armstrong to become involved began with his own frustrations as an attorney with the notarization process.

Reynolds asked if Rep. Armstrong's office worked with any states in drafting the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that they mainly worked with relevant commercial industries and coalitions, including American Land Title Association, and he wasn't aware of any states that were involved. He added that the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing on the bill in 2022 and a representative from ALTA testified at that hearing.

Reynolds noted that NASS has developed standards for remote notarization, and asked if there was any basis for the standards in the bill. She also asked if the federal government would be enforcing the compliance with the standards in the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that the bill tries to adhere to the language in RULONA and noted that his office was reluctant to have any federal involvement in enforcing the bill. He indicated that if there was an issue or legal challenge involving a notarization performed under the bill, that would likely be subject to review by the courts, as opposed to any involvement of the federal government.

Reynolds noted that the definition of "notarization" in the bill references either a tangible or electronic records, which appears to allow for remote ink notarization (RIN). She indicated that this might be an issue for states that authorize remote online notarization (RON) but don't allow RIN. Staff from North Carolina noted that their RON law does not authorize RIN, and said they have concerns that it creates a potential conflict with the SECURE Act that could result in preemption.

Reynolds asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if states that authorize RON but not RIN would be required to allow RIN under the SECURE Act. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that his understanding was that the intent of the bill is only to deal with RON. Staff from Indiana and North Carolina indicated that a reference to a tangible record in the context of remote notarization generally involves RIN, and added that for states that don't allow RIN

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it could be a concern if authorized under the SECURE Act, particularly if RIN is deemed to be unsecure. Staff from Indiana added that in conversations she has had with the National Notary Association, they also seemed to agree that the bill would authorize RIN, as well as Paper Remote Notarization (PRON), in states that currently don't allow for those methods.

Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he wasn't aware of any mention of RIN during discussions his office has had about the bill. He indicated that if NASS members could share any concerns they have about the bill in writing, that might be helpful to share with the Senate as they consider how to move forward with the bill.

Staff from Kentucky noted that the bill includes a section dealing with circumstances where state law would or would not be preempted by federal law, and indicates that if the federal government requires state officers to adopt federal standards, it could potentially violate the anti-commandeering doctrine based on the 10th Amendment. He asked if Mr. Fitzpatrick thought the bill could withstand a legal challenge on those grounds based on previous case law. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he was not aware of any discussions about that issue, including at the Committee hearing last year. He added that the only documented concerns he was aware of related to that hearing was a letter submitted by a California notary organization. Reynolds indicated that Committee hearing mainly involved feedback from industry organizations and not states, and added that NASS members have raised concerns about the bill in the past.

Reynolds noted that the bill authorizes remote notarizations "that occur in or affect interstate commerce," and asked if any notarization performed under the bill would be deemed to impact interstate commerce. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that many commercial transactions impact interstate commerce, but it wasn't the intention of the bill for all notarized documents to be considered as part of interstate commerce. A participant asked how a notary was supposed to determine whether or not a notarized document would have an impact on interstate commerce. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that a remote notarization isn't necessarily required to affect interstate commerce, and it could involve recognition of a notarization from another state that meets the standards of the bill, but interstate commerce is the main jurisdiction focal point.

Mike Smith from NPA asked whether interstate recognition is already covered by the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that he didn't think interstate recognition was intended to alter full faith and credit, but was more about the intention of the bill as opposed to an implicit reference to full faith and credit. Mr. Smith noted that most states already have a law authorizing RON, and asked how the bill would impact states that don't currently allow it. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that remote notarization could be performed under the federal law in states that don't comply with the standards of the bill.

Reynolds noted that the bill authorizes a notary to perform remote notarization based on either personal knowledge of a person's identity, or verification of the person's identity through 3rd party date sources. She asked if that means that a notary could utilize platforms such as Zoom or Webex where the notary has personal knowledge of the individual. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the bill is not intended to specify and platform or technology. Reynolds asked how it would be reconciled if one party is in a state that allows for Zoom or Webex in that situation, but the other party is in a state that does not. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that it likely depends on the specifics, but as long as the notary meets the security standards of the bill,

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the notarization would be recognized. He added that this is implicit in the nationwide authorization of RON.

Staff from Kentucky indicated that potential issues with the bill could occur in the context of bankruptcy proceedings, where a trustee may try to challenge a mortgage that was acknowledged remotely in a state that doesn't allow RON. He noted that the bill references recognition of notarization in federal courts, but added that in those situations state courts are more likely to determine the validity of a notarization. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he wasn't familiar enough with those types of issues to comment, but added that if members have concerns they can provide in writing he can share that with Senate staff.

Staff from North Carolina asked if there were any security standards, and if there would be any process to determine if notaries were implementing the bill in a secure manner. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the bill purposely avoids any federal rulemaking, and indicated that any issues would be subject to court challenges about the validity of a notarization, and enforcement of the bill would occur through that litigation.

Reynolds noted that NPA is working to update the NASS standards for remote notarization and asked if NPA is considering including RIN as part of the document. Mr. Smith noted that they are still having discussions about the updated standards and he wasn't sure if RIN will be addressed in the final version submitted at the NASS summer conference.

Reynolds asked if there was any discussion about including an effective date in the bill to provide states time to implement the provisions. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that it was his understanding that the bill does not require states to implement anything, and it just authorizes notaries to perform remote notarization pursuant to the standards in the bill.

Secretary Marshall expressed concern that the lack of guidelines or more detailed standards could put the burden on citizens to have to go to court in order to resolve questions and issues related to the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that if members had suggestions for any specific amendments to the bill, he could share those with the Senate.

Staff from North Carolina noted that North Carolina recently passed a law authorizing RON, and said that there are a variety of measures that have to be taken to implement the bill, including education, training, writing rules, system development, etc. He added that all states that have authorized RON have had to put a significant amount of time into implementation. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that if there are specific provisions in the bill that states think they would have to implement, and they feel that they would need more time to do so, he can share any input on that with Senate. He added that it may be something the Senate would be willing to consider if it helps alleviate concerns.

Reynolds noted that NASS does not have a position on the bill but has been discussing the legislation since it was originally introduced. She added that NASS would encourage members to reach out directly to their Senators with any thoughts or concerns about the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that members can also share any concerns or potential amendments with him, and he can relay that information to Senator Cramer's office.

Staff from North Carolina asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if he had any information on the timeline in the Senate for taking up the bill, and for states to develop and provide any comments. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that there likely is still enough time to share any comments or concerns about the bill, but he couldn't say for sure

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when the Senate might take action, and would encourage members to share any comments as soon as possible. He indicated that there likely would be discussions in the Senate before any movement on the bill since there are some Senators who have concerns, and added they he doesn't anticipate any legislation that advances in the Senate would be identical to the House version. He added that he was happy to receive any comments and share those with Senator Cramer's office.

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NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards and Remote Online Notarization Addendum

Mission Statement

It is the goal of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to endorse and promote these technology neutral standards, developed originally by the National E-Notarization Commission for secure and feasible implementation of in-person electronic notarization, and amended to include remote electronic notarization. In the event of ambiguity of a term or standard, it should be interpreted in favor of technology neutrality.

Foreword

The National E-Notarization Commission, whose formation was endorsed and sanctioned by NASS at our 2006 Winter Conference, developed the original in-person, electronic notarization standards. These standards were presented to NASS members for consideration at our 2006 Summer Conference. The members voted unanimously to adopt the Standards, and voted to reaffirm the Standards at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference.

At our 2016 Conference, the in-person, e-notarization Standards were again reaffirmed. ~~, however this version included several~~ Included were amendments proposed by the NASS Notary Public Administrators Section (NPA Section) ~~designed~~ to streamline and clarify the Standards.

In April 2016, NASS formed the Remote Electronic Notarization Task Force to examine the topic of remote electronic notarization. The Task Force consisted of NASS members, members of NPA, various industry/government stakeholders and private sector advisors.

At the Summer 2017 Conference, NASS adopted a resolution authorizing the convening of appropriate parties to facilitate adoption of remote notarization and advance secure electronic commerce through development of ~~develop remote notarization~~ standards to ~~enabling remote notarizations that will~~ protect the credibility of ~~the process~~ remote notarizations, help prevent identity fraud and provide accountability to the public ~~in order to advance secure electronic commerce~~. Through a series of in-person meetings and conference calls the Task Force developed ~~an~~ a remote electronic notarization Addendum to the in-person electronic notarization Standards ~~to accommodate remote electronic notarization~~. These changes were adopted by the NASS membership at the Winter 2018 Conference.

In 2022, the NPA Section convened a working group to review the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards, including the remote notarization Addendum, prior to the Standards' scheduled 2023 expiration. The NPA Section's recommendations are presented herein (text underline and strikethrough styles indicate new text and recommended text deletions).

The 2022 NPA working group's recommendations contemplate models of technology-assisted notarization currently authorized in various state laws:

1. In-person electronic notarization (IPEN)—performed for a physically present individual executing an electronic record. The individual is personally known to the Notary, or presents state-authorized tangible ID credentials, or where authorized produces a credible witness or witnesses to verify the individual's identity.

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2. Remote online notarization (RON)—performed for a remotely located individual executing an electronic or (where authorized) tangible (paper) record. The individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by state-authorized, multi-factor identity verification methods.

3. Remote-ink notarization (RIN)—performed for a remotely located individual executing a tangible record. Individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by displaying state-authorized, tangible ID credentials for remote visual inspection by the Notary. The executed, tangible record is subsequently sent to the Notary for completion of the notarial certificate.

These standards do not in any way require the use of one specific technology, nor are they intended to privilege the use of one specific technology over another, nor do they limit the utilization of electronic signatures outside the electronic notarization process.

Definitions

1. ~~12. "Registration and register" mean a separate commission to perform electronic notarial acts under the laws of this State, or registration with the commissioning official in compliance with these standards.~~ "Authorization" means a separate commission to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the laws of this State; or a registration or notification of intent, filed with the commissioning/appointing official, to perform electronic or remote notarial acts in compliance with these standards. The term "authorized" indicates such authorization.[1]

2. "Capable of independent verification" means that any interested person may confirm, through the commissioning/appointing official or official custodian of state Notary Public commission or appointment records, that a Notary Public who signed an electronic record in an official capacity had the authority at that time to perform electronic notarial acts.

3. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

4. Electronic ~~document~~ record" means information that is created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

5. "Electronic notarial act" means an official act by a Notary Public on or involving an electronic ~~document~~ record and using electronic means authorized by the [commissioning/appointing official] or the laws of the jurisdiction of appointment. The term includes "electronic notarization."

6. "Electronic notarial certificate" means the portion of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that is completed by the Notary Public or notarial officer, bears the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature and/or official electronic seal, official title, commission number, commission expiration date, any required information concerning the date and place of the electronic notarization, and such other information required by state law ~~and~~ including the method of

[1] This new Definition accommodates states' varying administrative requirements for a Notary Public to actually begin performing electronic or remote notarial acts. The terms "authorization" and "authorized" indicate an individual permitted to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the law of the commissioning state, whether the individual was required to "register," "notify," be separately "commissioned," etc.

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performing the notarial act, and states the facts attested to or certified by the Notary Public or notarial officer in a particular electronic notarization.[2]

7. "Electronic Notary seal" and "official electronic seal" mean information within a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that includes the Notary Public's name, jurisdiction of appointment, commission number, and commission expiration date, and generally corresponds to data in Notary Public seals used on ~~paper documents~~ tangible records.[3]

8. "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic ~~document~~ record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic ~~document or~~ record.

9. "Electronically enabled Notary Public" means a Notary Public who has registered with the [commissioning/appointing official] the capability of performing electronic notarial acts in conformance with these Standards.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] "Law" and "laws" mean all of the following: a state's statutes or code of laws; a state's administrative rules or regulations; a state's executive order, declaration, or proclamation; any directive or guidance of the state official regulating Notaries Public.

10. "Non-repudiation" means the inability of the signer of an electronic ~~document or~~ record to deny their electronic signature without factual basis. [4]

11. "Notary electronic signature" means those forms of electronic signature ~~which have been~~ approved, specified or allowed by ~~the commissioning official~~ state law as an acceptable means for an Electronic Notary to affix the Notary's official signature to an electronic record that is being notarized.

12. "Notary Public" means an individual commissioned or appointed to perform a notarial act by the [commissioning/appointing officer or agency] of this State.[5]

[List number to be assigned if approved.] "Notarial officer" means a notary public or other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] Person — "a person," "any person" or "all other persons" mean an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

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[2] ~~Although~~ The definitions for "electronic notarial certificate" and "Electronic Notary seal" ~~have references~~ refer to "commission number," "commission expiration" and "Notary seal," ~~it is recognized that~~ though some jurisdictions do not issue commission numbers or require Notary seals. Other jurisdictions ~~that~~ issue life-long Notary commissions that do not have expiration dates.

[3] See Footnote 2.

[4] "Non-repudiation" as defined in these Standards ~~is intended to create~~ establishes a presumption of the ~~regularity and reliability~~ integrity of electronically executed records ~~so they may be relied upon by third parties~~.]

[5] The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts differentiates "Notary Public" from "notarial officer," which is a Notary Public OR other individual—for example, judges, clerks, etc.—authorized under state law to perform a notarial act.

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13. "Personal appearance" and "appears before the Notary" mean that the principal and the Notary Public: are physically close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and give identification credentials to each other, or interact through the use of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology as defined in ~~addendum~~ "Standards—Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of Communication Technology."

14. Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

15. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

16. "Tamper-evident" means that any change~~s~~ to an electronic ~~document~~ record shall display evidence of the change.

17. "Under the Notary Public's sole control" means accessible by the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities. [6]

18. "Unique to the Notary Public" ~~and "under the sole control" mean with respect to an electronic notarization that the signing device used to affix the electronic signature of the Notary Public and to render the official electronic seal information tamper-evident must be accessible by and attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities for the necessary period of time that such device is engaged and operating to effectuate the authorized electronic notarization.~~ means, with respect to an electronic notarial act, that the electronic signature of the Notary Public is attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons.[7]

Standards

Personal Appearance Requirement

1. A Notary Public shall not perform an electronic ~~notarization~~ notarial act if the ~~document~~ signer of the electronic record does not appear ~~in person~~ before the Notary Public at the time of notarization.

2. The methods for identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of an electronic record ~~document signers for an electronic notarization where the signer is in the physical presence of the notary~~ shall at a minimum be the same as the methods required for ~~a paper-based notarization~~ identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of a tangible record.[8]

[6] As defined, the term "under the Notary Public's sole control" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these Standards.

[7] As defined, the term "unique to the Notary Public" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these standards.

[8] Under no circumstances shall a Notary Public base identification merely upon familiarity with a signer's electronic signature, or an electronic verification process that authenticates the signer's electronic signature, when the signer does not appear personally before a Notary Public.

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~~Registration~~ Authorization Requirement

3. ~~The commissioning official shall require a notary public to register the capability to notarize electronically before performing any electronic notarial act. Such registration shall be with the [commissioning official] every time a notary public adopts a new or additional technology with which to perform electronic notarial acts.~~ The commissioning/appointing official shall require a Notary Public to be duly authorized prior to performing any electronic notarial act. Authorization shall be by means prescribed in law or administrative rules of the commissioning/appointing official, and shall be subject to update, renewal, non-renewal and termination requirements prescribed in law or administrative rules.

4. The commissioning/appointing official ~~shall~~ may require a Notary Public ~~who registers the capability of performing~~ filing for [or requesting] authorization to perform electronic notarial acts to provide the following information: a) the electronic technology or technologies to be used in attaching or logically associating an electronic notarial signature, seal and certificate to an electronic ~~document~~ record; b) an exemplar of the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal~~,~~; ~~and~~ c) any necessary instructions or techniques supplied by the vendor that allow the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal to be read~~.~~; and d) any other information specified by the commissioning/appointing official. [9]

Form and Manner of Performing the Electronic Notarial Act

5. When performing an electronic notarization, a Notary Public shall complete an electronic notarial certificate and attach or logically associate the Notary's electronic signature and seal to that certificate in a tamper-evident manner. ~~Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.~~

6. The Notary Public's electronic signature and official electronic seal are ~~is~~ deemed to be reliable if they are ~~the following requirements are met~~:
   (a) ~~it is~~ unique to the Notary Public,
   (b) ~~it is~~ capable of independent verification,
   (c) ~~it is~~ retained under the Notary Public's sole control,[10] and
   (d) ~~it is~~ attached to or logically associated with the electronic record ~~document~~ in a tamper-evident manner.

   Evidence of tampering pursuant to these Standards may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

[9] The technologies that a state may authorize for an electronic notarization will dictate how the attachment or logical association of the electronic notarial certificate, electronic signature, and official electronic seal to the ~~document~~ record will be accomplished. ~~It is possible that~~ The electronic signature and seal may possibly be combined in a single element; or ~~that~~ the seal may be a component of the signature or vice versa. The important matter is that all of the Notary Public's identifying and commissioning information be made a part of, or a secure attachment to, the underlying notarized electronic record. Although the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) and the federal ESIGN Act can be read to have eliminated the need for a physical seal image as a requirement for determining whether an electronic record ~~document~~ is an "original" versus a copy, the seal requirement remains essential to authenticating records under federal and state rules of evidence. What is important is that the basic identifying and commissioning information—contained in the Notary Public's holographic signature and traditional inking and embossing Notary seals—are also elements of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record.]

[10] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned Notary Public.

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7. The Notary Public's electronic signature in combination with the Electronic Notary seal shall be used only for the purpose of performing electronic notarial acts.

8. ~~The~~ A Notary Public's liability, sanctions, and remedies for ~~the~~ improper~~ly~~ performing ~~performance of~~ electronic notarial acts are the same as described and provided by law for the Notary's improper performance of non-electronic notarial acts.

Security Requirements

9. ~~The~~ A Notary Public shall not disclose any access information used to affix the Electronic Notary's signature and seal except when requested by law enforcement, the courts, and with reasonable precautions, electronic ~~document~~ record preparation and transmission vendors.[11]

Authenticating the Notarial Act; Requirements

10. Electronic notarial acts ~~need to~~ shall fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation and the capability of being authenticated by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority for purposes of issuing Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication. They are as follows: a) the fact of the notarial act, including the Notary's identity, signature, and commission status, must be verifiable by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority and b) the notarized electronic ~~document~~ record will be rendered ineligible for authentication by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority if it is improperly modified after the time of notarization, including any unauthorized alterations to the ~~document~~ record's content, the electronic notarial certificate, the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature, and/or the Notary Public's or notarial officer's official electronic seal.[12]

Issuance of Electronic Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication, Requirements

11. Electronic Apostilles ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Apostille by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Apostille must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Apostille from the public document.[13]

12. Electronic Certificates of Authentication (or Appointment) ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Certificate by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Certificate must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Certificate from the public document.

[11] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned/appointed ~~individual~~ Notary.

[12] "Authentication" in this context is "a certification of the genuineness of the official character, i.e., signature and seal, or position of a foreign official. It is an act done with the intention of causing a record which has been executed or issued in one jurisdiction to be recognized in another jurisdiction. Records which may require authentication include legal instruments notarized by foreign Notaries or other officials, and copies of public records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, issued by foreign record keepers." (22 CRF 92.36)]

[13] **The Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication) and the underlying record** are legally joined. Therefore, any separation legally invalidates the Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication). To ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Apostille (or electronic Certificate of Authentication) must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term "public document" is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law's Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

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~~Addendum~~ Standards: Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

As used in this Addendum, the terms in Standards 1-15 (Definitions) have the meanings ~~ascribed~~ provided therein. In addition:

1. ~~"Audio-video communication"~~ "Communication technology" means ~~being able to see, hear, and communicate with another individual in real time using electronic means~~ an electronic device or process that (a) allows a Notary Public and a remotely located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously by sight and sound; and (b) when necessary and consistent with other applicable law, facilitates communication with a remotely located individual who has a vision, hearing, or speech impairment.

2. "Credential analysis" means a process or service operating according to criteria allowed by the commissioning/appointing official ~~authority~~ through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a government-issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

3. "Dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment" means an identity assessment that is based on a set of questions formulated from public or proprietary data sources for which the principal has not provided a prior answer.

4. "Identity proofing" means a process or service ~~operating according to criteria approved by the commissioning official through which a third person or party affirms the identity of an individual through review of personal information from public or proprietary data sources.~~by which a third person provides a Notary Public or notarial officer, as applicable, with a means to verify the identity of a remotely located individual by a review of personal information from public or private data sources.

5. "Public key certificate" means an electronic credential which is used to identify an individual who signed an electronic record with the certificate.

6. "Real time" means the actual span of uninterrupted, simultaneous communication during which all parts of an electronic notarial act occur.

7. "Remote electronic notarization system" means a set of applications, programs, hardware, software, or technology designed to enable an Electronic Notary Public to perform electronic notarial acts through ~~audio-video~~ communication technology.

8. "Remotely presented" means the transmission of a quality image of a government-issued identification credential to an Electronic Notary Public through communication technology for the purpose of enabling the Electronic Notary Public to identify the ~~person~~ individual appearing before the Electronic Notary Public and to perform a credential analysis.

Authority to Perform Electronic Notarization Using ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

9. A duly authorized Notary Public may perform an electronic notarial act ~~for~~ involving an electronic ~~document~~ record by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology for a principal who is not in person with the Notary Public but is located:
   (a) in the state where the Notary is commissioned;
   (b) outside of the state where the Notary is commissioned but within the United States; or

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(c) outside the United States if:
   i. the act is not prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located at the time of the act; and
   ii. the record is part of or pertains to a matter that is to be filed with or is before a court, governmental entity, or other entity located in the United States or involves property located in, or a transaction substantially connected with, the United States.

10. A Notary Public or notarial officer who performs an electronic notarial act for a principal by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall be located within the state where the Notary Public or notarial officer is commissioned or appointed at the time the electronic notarial act is performed. The Notary Public or notarial officer shall include a statement in the electronic notarial certificate to indicate that the electronic notarial act was performed by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology. The statement may also be included in the Electronic Notary seal.

Remote Electronic Notarization Systems, Requirements

11. A remote electronic notarization system used to perform electronic notarial acts by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall:
   (a) provide sufficient audio clarity and video resolution to enable the Notary and the principal to see and speak to each other simultaneously through live, real-time transmission; and
   (b) include a means of authentication that reasonably ensures only the ~~proper~~ authorized parties have access to the ~~audio-video~~ communication technology; and
   (c) provide some manner of ensuring that the electronic record that is presented for electronic notarization is the same record electronically signed by the principal; and
   (d) enable the Notary Public to verify the identity of the principal through multiple identity verification methods, which may include: completion of a dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment; credential analysis of a remotely presented government-issued identification that contains the signature and a photograph of the principal; a valid public key certificate; or any other identity proofing method adopted by the commissioning/appointing official; and
   (e) be capable of securely creating, storing, and accessing an electronic recording of the audio-video communication; and
   (f) be capable of securely creating, storing, accessing and reproducing a copy of the recording, and capable of producing all recordings, in response to a request from the Notary Public, commissioning/appointing official, and law enforcement in the course of an investigation; and
   (g) provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to: the live transmission of the audio-video communication; ~~a~~ the recording of the audio-video communication; the verification methods and credentials used to verify the identity of the principal; and the electronic ~~documents~~ records presented for electronic notarization.

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NASS Business Services Committee WebEx Meeting
April 11th, 2023

NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds noted that the purpose of the call was to discuss the SECURE Notarization Act, which would authorize notaries nationwide to perform remote notarization. She noted that NASS has been following the SECURE Act since it was originally introduced in 2020 by Sen. Cramer (R-ND) and Senator Warner (D-VA). She noted that previous versions of the bill have been introduced in both the House and Senate, and the bill passed the House in 2021 and 2022, but no action was taken in the Senate. She added that the bill passed the House again earlier this year, but there has not yet been any activity in the Senate. She noted that the House bill was sponsored by Rep. Armstrong (R-ND), and she introduced Casey Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief of Staff and Counsel for Rep. Armstrong, to discuss the bill with the Committee.

Reynolds asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if his office worked with Senator Cramer and Senator Warner's offices in introducing the House bill, and whether there are any plans to introduce the bill in the Senate. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that they have worked with both Senator's offices, and said they have spoken with Senator Warner's office about reintroducing the bill in the Senate, but he wasn't certain if that would occur. He added that it was his understanding that the Senate may have some concerns about the bill that they need to address before it is introduced. He pointed out that the genesis for Rep. Armstrong to become involved began with his own frustrations as an attorney with the notarization process.

Reynolds asked if Rep. Armstrong's office worked with any states in drafting the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that they mainly worked with relevant commercial industries and coalitions, including American Land Title Association, and he wasn't aware of any states that were involved. He added that the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing on the bill in 2022 and a representative from ALTA testified at that hearing.

Reynolds noted that NASS has developed standards for remote notarization, and asked if there was any basis for the standards in the bill. She also asked if the federal government would be enforcing the compliance with the standards in the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that the bill tries to adhere to the language in RULONA and noted that his office was reluctant to have any federal involvement in enforcing the bill. He indicated that if there was an issue or legal challenge involving a notarization performed under the bill, that would likely be subject to review by the courts, as opposed to any involvement of the federal government.

Reynolds noted that the definition of "notarization" in the bill references either a tangible or electronic records, which appears to allow for remote ink notarization (RIN). She indicated that this might be an issue for states that authorize remote online notarization (RON) but don't allow RIN. Staff from North Carolina noted that their RON law does not authorize RIN, and said they have concerns that it creates a potential conflict with the SECURE Act that could result in preemption.

Reynolds asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if states that authorize RON but not RIN would be required to allow RIN under the SECURE Act. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that his understanding was that the intent of the bill is only to deal with RON. Staff from Indiana and North Carolina indicated that a reference to a tangible record in the context of remote notarization generally involves RIN, and added that for states that don't allow RIN

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it could be a concern if authorized under the SECURE Act, particularly if RIN is deemed to be unsecure. Staff from Indiana added that in conversations she has had with the National Notary Association, they also seemed to agree that the bill would authorize RIN, as well as Paper Remote Notarization (PRON), in states that currently don't allow for those methods.

Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he wasn't aware of any mention of RIN during discussions his office has had about the bill. He indicated that if NASS members could share any concerns they have about the bill in writing, that might be helpful to share with the Senate as they consider how to move forward with the bill.

Staff from Kentucky noted that the bill includes a section dealing with circumstances where state law would or would not be preempted by federal law, and indicates that if the federal government requires state officers to adopt federal standards, it could potentially violate the anti-commandeering doctrine based on the 10th Amendment. He asked if Mr. Fitzpatrick thought the bill could withstand a legal challenge on those grounds based on previous case law. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he was not aware of any discussions about that issue, including at the Committee hearing last year. He added that the only documented concerns he was aware of related to that hearing was a letter submitted by a California notary organization. Reynolds indicated that Committee hearing mainly involved feedback from industry organizations and not states, and added that NASS members have raised concerns about the bill in the past.

Reynolds noted that the bill authorizes remote notarizations "that occur in or affect interstate commerce," and asked if any notarization performed under the bill would be deemed to impact interstate commerce. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that many commercial transactions impact interstate commerce, but it wasn't the intention of the bill for all notarized documents to be considered as part of interstate commerce. A participant asked how a notary was supposed to determine whether or not a notarized document would have an impact on interstate commerce. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that a remote notarization isn't necessarily required to affect interstate commerce, and it could involve recognition of a notarization from another state that meets the standards of the bill, but interstate commerce is the main jurisdiction focal point.

Mike Smith from NPA asked whether interstate recognition is already covered by the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that he didn't think interstate recognition was intended to alter full faith and credit, but was more about the intention of the bill as opposed to an implicit reference to full faith and credit. Mr. Smith noted that most states already have a law authorizing RON, and asked how the bill would impact states that don't currently allow it. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that remote notarization could be performed under the federal law in states that don't comply with the standards of the bill.

Reynolds noted that the bill authorizes a notary to perform remote notarization based on either personal knowledge of a person's identity, or verification of the person's identity through 3rd party date sources. She asked if that means that a notary could utilize platforms such as Zoom or Webex where the notary has personal knowledge of the individual. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the bill is not intended to specify and platform or technology. Reynolds asked how it would be reconciled if one party is in a state that allows for Zoom or Webex in that situation, but the other party is in a state that does not. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that it likely depends on the specifics, but as long as the notary meets the security standards of the bill,

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the notarization would be recognized. He added that this is implicit in the nationwide authorization of RON.

Staff from Kentucky indicated that potential issues with the bill could occur in the context of bankruptcy proceedings, where a trustee may try to challenge a mortgage that was acknowledged remotely in a state that doesn't allow RON. He noted that the bill references recognition of notarization in federal courts, but added that in those situations state courts are more likely to determine the validity of a notarization. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he wasn't familiar enough with those types of issues to comment, but added that if members have concerns they can provide in writing he can share that with Senate staff.

Staff from North Carolina asked if there were any security standards, and if there would be any process to determine if notaries were implementing the bill in a secure manner. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the bill purposely avoids any federal rulemaking, and indicated that any issues would be subject to court challenges about the validity of a notarization, and enforcement of the bill would occur through that litigation.

Reynolds noted that NPA is working to update the NASS standards for remote notarization and asked if NPA is considering including RIN as part of the document. Mr. Smith noted that they are still having discussions about the updated standards and he wasn't sure if RIN will be addressed in the final version submitted at the NASS summer conference.

Reynolds asked if there was any discussion about including an effective date in the bill to provide states time to implement the provisions. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that it was his understanding that the bill does not require states to implement anything, and it just authorizes notaries to perform remote notarization pursuant to the standards in the bill.

Secretary Marshall expressed concern that the lack of guidelines or more detailed standards could put the burden on citizens to have to go to court in order to resolve questions and issues related to the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that if members had suggestions for any specific amendments to the bill, he could share those with the Senate.

Staff from North Carolina noted that North Carolina recently passed a law authorizing RON, and said that there are a variety of measures that have to be taken to implement the bill, including education, training, writing rules, system development, etc. He added that all states that have authorized RON have had to put a significant amount of time into implementation. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that if there are specific provisions in the bill that states think they would have to implement, and they feel that they would need more time to do so, he can share any input on that with Senate. He added that it may be something the Senate would be willing to consider if it helps alleviate concerns.

Reynolds noted that NASS does not have a position on the bill but has been discussing the legislation since it was originally introduced. She added that NASS would encourage members to reach out directly to their Senators with any thoughts or concerns about the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that members can also share any concerns or potential amendments with him, and he can relay that information to Senator Cramer's office.

Staff from North Carolina asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if he had any information on the timeline in the Senate for taking up the bill, and for states to develop and provide any comments. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that there likely is still enough time to share any comments or concerns about the bill, but he couldn't say for sure

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when the Senate might take action, and would encourage members to share any comments as soon as possible. He indicated that there likely would be discussions in the Senate before any movement on the bill since there are some Senators who have concerns, and added they he doesn't anticipate any legislation that advances in the Senate would be identical to the House version. He added that he was happy to receive any comments and share those with Senator Cramer's office.

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NASS Summary: SECURE Act (HR 1059)
Questions by NASS
February 2023

1. **Title:** The act is titled the Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote Notarization Act of 2023

2. **Definitions:**
   - Defines "communication technology" as an electronic device or process that allows the notary performing the notarization, a remotely located individual, and (if applicable) a credible witness, to communicate simultaneously by sight and sound during the notarization. What security standards are in place to ensure the security of the communication technology, and who will enforce those security standards?
   - The terms "electronic", "electronic record", "electronic signature", "information", "person", and "record" have the meanings given those terms in the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act.
   - Defines "notarial officer" as a notary public, or other individual authorized to perform a notarization under state law without a notary commission or appointment.
   - Defines "notarization" as any act a notarial officer performs under federal law or the law of the notary's state, including any act under the bill with respect to a tangible or electronic record for an individual in the physical presence of the notary or located remotely.

     This allows for paper record to be notarized remotely. Do many states have this? North Carolina's permanent REN statute does not permit remote notarization of paper records; our temporary video notarization
   - Defines "notary public" as an individual commissioned or appointed as a notary public to perform notarization under state law.
   - Defines "personal knowledge" as knowledge of the identity of an individual through dealings sufficient to provide reasonable certainty of the individual's claimed identity.
   - Defines "remotely located individual" as an individual not in the physical presence of the notary performing the notarization.
   - Defines "signature" as an electronic signature, or a tangible symbol executed or adopted by a person and evidencing the present intent to authenticate or adopt a record.
   - Defines "simultaneously" as communicating substantially simultaneously without unreasonable interruption or disconnection and includes any reasonably short delay inherent in or common to the method of communication.

3. **Authorization and Standards for Electronic Notarization**

   a. Authorizes a notary (unless prohibited under Section 10 below) to notarize an electronic record that impacts interstate commerce.

      Are we defacto determining that all records impact interstate commerce or will there be a delineation of what does and does not impact interstate commerce. Who decides? Each state?

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What if states don't agree. Is it the notary's state or the state where the document resides that determines? Lawsuits?

The question of jurisdiction when litigation is involved has been an unanswered question that many have had since the inception of RON.

b. Establishes the following requirements for notarization of an electronic record:

1. the notary's electronic signature and any other required information must be attached to or logically associated with the electronic record; and
2. the electronic signature, or other information must be bound to the record in a manner that renders any subsequent change or modification to the electronic record evident.

what standards are proposed to ensure against the forgery/fraudulent use of a notary's electronic signature? What entity has the authority to investigate and act upon such uses? It is not realistic to believe that the notary can do so.

4. Authorization and Standards for Remote Notarization

a. Authorizes a notary (unless prohibited under Section 10 below) to perform a notarization for a remotely located individual that impacts interstate commerce.

b. Establishes the following requirements for remote notarization:

1. the remotely located individual must appear personally before the notary by using communication technology

   Does this include platforms such as Zoom, Webex or others that are not designed specifically for remote notarization? What if a state requires a remote notarization platform?

2. the notary public must:

   A. reasonably identify the remotely located individual through:

   - personal knowledge of the individual; or

     Does this mean they could use Zoom, Webex, etc in circumstances such as this?

   - by obtaining satisfactory evidence of the identity of the remotely located individual by:
     - at least 2 processes or services through which a 3rd party provides a means of identity verification using public or private data sources; or Does this mean that "the two processes or services" must be of separate category; eg, credential analysis plus identity proofing, or can the notarization proceed if two separate identity proofing services are used?
     - What are the standards by which these processes can be deemed to provide sufficiently reliable identity verification and

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who/what entity vettes these processes? Is there some level of false acceptance and false denial that a state may deem acceptable? How much false acceptance/false denial is too much? For example, based on one vendor's analysis 92% of fraudsters passed knowledge-based authentication (KBA) questions based on a national contact center case study, while genuine customers only passed KBA's 46% of the time.[1] Organized crime rings have now set up storefronts on the dark web and have become illicit data vendors and even offer return policies.[2]

- oath or affirmation of a credible witness who:
  - is in the physical presence of the notary or the remotely located individual, or appears personally before the notary and the individual using communication technology;
  - **Does this mean they could use Zoom, Webex, etc in circumstances such as this?**
  - has personal knowledge of the identity of the remotely located individual; and
  - has been identified by the notary in the same manner as specified under the Act for identification of a remotely located individual through personal knowledge, or at least two 3rd party verification methods

B. The notary public, either directly or through an agent:

- creates an audio and visual recording of the performance of the notarization, and Statute does not address who has rights to access this record nor the security standards that must be applied to the collection and retention of these recordings
- notwithstanding any resignation from, or revocation, suspension, or termination of the notary's commission or appointment, retains the recording:
  - for a period of no less than:
    - if an applicable law of the notary's state specifies a retention period, the greater of:
      - the specified period; or

[1] 2022 *Voice Intelligence & Security Report: Let the Right Voice In* at 6 (https://go.pindrop.com/resources/report/2022-voice-intelligence-and-security-report/#:~:text=2022%20Voice%20Intelligence%20%26%20Security%20Report,according%20to%20this%20year's%20report).
[2] *Id.* at 7.

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- 5 years after the recording is created; or
- if no applicable state law specifies a retention period, 10 years after the date the recording is created, in accordance with those laws; and

- if any applicable law of the notary's state governs the content, manner, or place of retention, security, use, effect, or disclosure of the recording or any information in the recording, in accordance with that law

C. If the notarization is performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, the notary must take reasonable steps to confirm that the record is the same record in which the remotely located individual made a statement or on which the individual executed a signature

3. If a guardian, conservator, executor, personal representative, administrator, or similar fiduciary or successor is appointed for or on behalf of a notary public or a deceased notary public under applicable law, that person must retain the recording unless:

   A. another person is obligated to retain the recording under applicable state law; or

   B. under applicable state law, that person may transmit the recording to an office, archive, or repository approved or designated by the State, and that person transmits the recording in accordance with state law

4. If the remotely located individual is physically located outside the geographic boundaries of a state, or is otherwise physically located in a location that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the US, at the time of the notarization:

   A. the record must be intended for filing with or relate to a matter before a court, public official, or other entity subject to U.S. jurisdiction, or involve property located in the U.S. or a transaction substantially connected to the U.S; and

   B. the act of making the statement or signing the record is not prohibited by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the individual is physically located

Who makes these determinations? The notary is not qualified to make these determinations of law, unless the notary is also an attorney. This creates new uncertainties surrounding the effect of notarization.

c. If a state or federal law requires personal or physical presence at the time of notarization, that requirement must be considered to be satisfied if:

   1. the individual is remotely located; and

   2. appears personally before the notary at the time of notarization using communication technology; and

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3. the notarization was performed under or relates to a public act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notary's state, or the notarization impact interstate commerce.

The statute does not address what entities, if any, enforce the application of these federal requirements if a notary fails to act properly. North Carolina has a robust notarial oversight program which successfully helped the state avoid notarial fraud which was a significant feature of the 2008 mortgage meltdown, but NC's enabling statute does not contemplate the oversight and enforcement of this federal legislation even as to North Carolina notaries.

5. Recognition of Notarizations in Federal Court

- Requires federal courts to recognize a notarization performed by a notary of any state as valid if the notarization is valid under the laws of the notarial officer's state.

  I believe this is already required by the US Constitution. Art IV Sec. 1, Full Faith and Credit Clause*: Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.*

- The notarization must have the same legal effect under the state or federal law applicable in the judicial proceeding as if it was validly performed by a notary of that state, or under the SECURE Act or other federal law, regardless of whether it was performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, or for an individual in the physical presence of the notary or an individual remotely located.

same as above

- In determining the validity of a notarization recognized by a federal court, the signature and title of an individual performing the notarization must be prima facie evidence in any U.S. court that the signature is genuine and the individual holds that title. The signature and title of the following notarial officers of a state conclusively establish the authority of the officer to perform the notarization: Same as above
  - a notary public of that state; or
  - a judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of that state.

6. Interstate Recognition of Notarizations

- Requires each state to recognize a notarization performed by a notary of any other state as valid if: Same as above
  - the notarization is valid under the laws of the notarial officer's state; and
  - the notarization is performed under or relates to a public act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's state, or impacts interstate commerce.
- The notarization must have the same legal effect under the laws of the recognizing state as if it was validly performed by a notary of that state, regardless of whether it was performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, or for an individual in the physical presence of the notary or an individual remotely located. Same as above

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- In determining the validity of a notarization recognized by another state, the signature and title of an individual performing a notarization are prima facie evidence in any state court that the signature is genuine and the individual holds that title. The signature and title of the following notarial officers of a state conclusively establish the authority of the officer to perform the notarization: Same as above
    - a notary public of that state; or
    - a judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of that state.

7. Electronic and Remote Notarization Not Required

- The Act does not require a notary to notarize an electronic record, perform a notarization for a remotely located individual, or perform a notarization using a technology the notary has not selected

- What standards should a notary use to select technology? May a notary select technology that meets no standard? What happens if the technology negligently fails to properly identify the remote principal and the notary ends up notarizing a fraudster? May third parties who depend upon the reliability of the notarization bring an action against the technology provider? The statute appears to be silent.

8. Validity Not Affected; Rights of Aggrieved Person

- The failure of a notary to meet a requirement of the Act in performing a notarization, or the failure of a notarization to conform to a requirement of the Act, does not invalidate or impair the validity or recognition of the notarization. This is very strange and seems to gut all Secure Act standards– does this mean that if a notary fails to properly identify the principal, the notarization is still valid? Even if the principal is not who they say they are?
- The validity and recognition of a notarization under the Act does not prevent a person from seeking to invalidate a record or transaction, or from seeking other remedies under state or federal law for any reason not addressed in the Act, including on the basis:
    - that the person did not intend to authenticate or adopt a record or execute a signature on the record;
    - that the individual was incompetent, lacked authority or capacity to authenticate or adopt a record, or did not knowingly and voluntarily authenticate or adopt a record; or
    - of fraud, forgery, mistake, misrepresentation, impersonation, duress, undue influence, or other invalidating cause
- Nothing in the Act affects a state law governing, authorizing, or prohibiting the practice of law

9. Exception to Preemption

- A state law may modify, limit, or supersede the provisions of the Act with respect to state law only if that state law:
    - Either:

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- constitutes an enactment or adoption of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) as approved by the ULC in 2018 or 2021, except that any modification to RULONA in state law is preempted to the extent that the modification inconsistent with the Act or would not be permitted under the Act; or

  Who determines inconsistency or not permissible? If a state law supersedes (for example not allowing for Zoom or other non-notary platforms) does state or federal law apply?

- specifies additional or alternative procedures or requirements for notarizations with respect to electronic records or for remotely located individuals, if the additional or alternative procedures or requirements are consistent with the Act, and do not accord greater legal effect to the implementation or application of a specific technology or technical specification for performing the notarizations

Does establishing performance standards for the various types of identification technologies constitute "accord greater legal effect to the implementation or application of a specific technology or technical specification for performing the notarizations" that would be prohibited. For example, if a technology fails to meet state standards for false acceptance and false denial, do such standards accord greater legal effect to those technologies that meet the standards in violation of this no preemption clause?

- Requires the retention of an audio and visual recording of the performance of a notarization for a remotely located individual for a period of not less than 5 years after the recording is created.

A big unaddressed issue here is the security of the retained recordings, and who (other than the notary) will have rights to access them during the retention period.

- Nothing in the sections on recognition of notarizations in federal court or recognition by other states may be construed to preclude the recognition of a notarization under applicable state law, regardless of whether the state law is consistent with those sections.

10. State Standards of Care; Authority of State Regulatory Officials

- The Act does not prevent a state or a notarial regulatory official of a state from:
  - adopting a requirement in the Act as a duty or standard of care under the laws of the state or sanctioning a notary for breach of the duty or standard;
  - establishing requirements and qualifications for, or denying, refusing to renew, revoking, suspending, or imposing a condition on a commission or appointment as a notary;
  - creating or designating a class or type of commission or appointment, or requiring an endorsement or other authorization to be received by a notary, as a condition on the authority to perform notarizations with respect to electronic records or for remotely located individuals;
  - prohibiting a notary form performing a notarization under the act as a sanction for a breach of duty or standard of care or for official misconduct.

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- A notary may not perform an electronic or remote notarization under the authorization of the Act if:
    - the notary's state has enacted a law that creates or designates a class or type of commission or appointment, or requires an endorsement or other authorization to be received by a notary public, as a condition on the authority to perform notarizations with respect to electronic records or for remotely located individuals, and the notary's commission or appointment is not of the class or type or the notary public has not received the endorsement or other authorization; or
    - the notarial regulatory official of the notary's state has prohibited the notary from performing the notarization as a sanction for a breach of duty or standard of care or for official misconduct.
    - Are these provisions subject to preemption if the terms establishing the exception to preemption are not satisfied?

11. Severability

- If any provision of the Act or the application of the provision to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act and the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances must not be affected.

- Because there is no specified enactment date, the states would be required to implement immediately.
- Who has enforcement authority over this federal law?
- No reference to federal agency rulemaking authority
- Proposing federal law because 5 states don't have remote online notarization?
- This includes remote ink notarization. Do many states have that?
- House floor speech said the purpose of the bill was to create uniformity. Does this bill actually do that?
- How long will it take states to enact who don't have remote ink notarization or states who don't have either RON or RIN.

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Good Morning –

The deadline is fast approaching to provide comments and suggestions re: *Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards* (please see attached and original email below).

Please use the attached draft to enter your comments/suggestions by utilizing the editing tool and reply DIRECTLY to me at mike.smith@gsccca.org by **COB, Friday, March 31, 2023.**

Thank you!

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Morning All –

As you may know, the *NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards* resolution must be re-affirmed in 2023 (NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards (extended review until Summer 2023) | NASS). Originally scheduled to be re-affirmed during the 2023 NASS Winter Conference in February, the Business Services Committee voted to defer action until the 2023 NASS Summer Conference.

In preparation for the Summer Conference, the NPA Section convened a working group to review the *Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards*, including the remote notarization Addendum, prior to the Standards' scheduled 2023 expiration. Attached, please find the working draft. You are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions as we move toward finalization of the revised Standards. Please use the attached draft to enter your comments/suggestions by utilizing the editing tool and reply DIRECTLY to me at mike.smith@gsccca.org by **COB, March 31, 2023.**

The final version will be presented to the NASS Business Services Committee during the 2023 Summer Conference for re-affirmation that would extend the Standards resolution's effectiveness until 2028.

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NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards
and Remote Online Notarization Addendum

Mission Statement

It is the goal of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to endorse and promote these technology neutral standards, developed originally by the National E-Notarization Commission for secure and feasible implementation of in-person electronic notarization, and amended to include remote electronic notarization. In the event of ambiguity of a term or standard, it should be interpreted in favor of technology neutrality.

Foreword

The National E-Notarization Commission, whose formation was endorsed and sanctioned by NASS at our 2006 Winter Conference, developed the original in-person, electronic notarization standards. These standards were presented to NASS members for consideration at our 2006 Summer Conference. The members voted unanimously to adopt the Standards, and voted to reaffirm the Standards at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference.

At our 2016 Conference, the in-person, e-notarization Standards were again reaffirmed. ~~, however this version included several~~ Included were amendments proposed by the NASS Notary Public Administrators Section (NPA Section) ~~designed~~ to streamline and clarify the Standards.

In April 2016, NASS formed the Remote Electronic Notarization Task Force to examine the topic of remote electronic notarization. The Task Force consisted of NASS members, members of NPA, various industry/government stakeholders and private sector advisors.

At the Summer 2017 Conference, NASS adopted a resolution authorizing the convening of appropriate parties to facilitate adoption of remote notarization and advance secure electronic commerce through development of ~~develop remote notarization~~ standards to ~~enabling remote notarizations that will~~ protect the credibility of ~~the process~~ remote notarizations, help prevent identity fraud and provide accountability to the public ~~in order to advance secure electronic commerce~~. Through a series of in-person meetings and conference calls the Task Force developed ~~an~~ a remote electronic notarization Addendum to the in-person electronic notarization Standards ~~to accommodate remote electronic notarization~~. These changes were adopted by the NASS membership at the Winter 2018 Conference.

In 2022, the NPA Section convened a working group to review the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards, including the remote notarization Addendum, prior to the Standards' scheduled 2023 expiration. The NPA Section's recommendations are presented herein (text underline and strikethrough styles indicate new text and recommended text deletions).

The 2022 NPA working group's recommendations contemplate models of technology-assisted notarization currently authorized in various state laws:

1. In-person electronic notarization (IPEN)—performed for a physically present individual executing an electronic record. The individual is personally known to the Notary, or presents state-authorized tangible ID credentials, or where authorized produces a credible witness or witnesses to verify the individual's identity.

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2. Remote online notarization (RON)—performed for a remotely located individual executing an electronic or (where authorized) tangible (paper) record. The individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by state-authorized, multi-factor identity verification methods.

3. Remote-ink notarization (RIN)—performed for a remotely located individual executing a tangible record. Individual appears by means of communication technology and is personally known to the Notary, or identified by displaying state-authorized, tangible ID credentials for remote visual inspection by the Notary. The executed, tangible record is subsequently sent to the Notary for completion of the notarial certificate.

These standards do not in any way require the use of one specific technology, nor are they intended to privilege the use of one specific technology over another, nor do they limit the utilization of electronic signatures outside the electronic notarization process.

Definitions

1. ~~12. "Registration and register" mean a separate commission to perform electronic notarial acts under the laws of this State, or registration with the commissioning official in compliance with these standards.~~ "Authorization" means a separate commission to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the laws of this State; or a registration or notification of intent, filed with the commissioning/appointing official, to perform electronic or remote notarial acts in compliance with these standards. The term "authorized" indicates such authorization.[1]

2. "Capable of independent verification" means that any interested person may confirm, through the commissioning/appointing official or official custodian of state Notary Public commission or appointment records, that a Notary Public who signed an electronic record in an official capacity had the authority at that time to perform electronic notarial acts.

3. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

4. Electronic ~~document~~ record" means information that is created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

5. "Electronic notarial act" means an official act by a Notary Public on or involving an electronic ~~document~~ record and using electronic means authorized by the [commissioning/appointing official] or the laws of the jurisdiction of appointment. The term includes "electronic notarization."

6. "Electronic notarial certificate" means the portion of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that is completed by the Notary Public or notarial officer, bears the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature and/or official electronic seal, official title, commission number, commission expiration date, any required information concerning the date and place of the electronic notarization, and such other information required by state law ~~and~~ including the method of

[1] This new Definition accommodates states' varying administrative requirements for a Notary Public to actually begin performing electronic or remote notarial acts. The terms "authorization" and "authorized" indicate an individual permitted to perform electronic or remote notarial acts under the law of the commissioning state, whether the individual was required to "register," "notify," be separately "commissioned," etc.

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performing the notarial act, and states the facts attested to or certified by the Notary Public or notarial officer in a particular electronic notarization.[2]

7. "Electronic Notary seal" and "official electronic seal" mean information within a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record that includes the Notary Public's name, jurisdiction of appointment, commission number, and commission expiration date, and generally corresponds to data in Notary Public seals used on ~~paper documents~~ tangible records.[3]

8. "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic ~~document~~ record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic ~~document or~~ record.

9. "Electronically enabled Notary Public" means a Notary Public who has registered with the [commissioning/appointing official] the capability of performing electronic notarial acts in conformance with these Standards.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] "Law" and "laws" mean all of the following: a state's statutes or code of laws; a state's administrative rules or regulations; a state's executive order, declaration, or proclamation; any directive or guidance of the state official regulating Notaries Public.

10. "Non-repudiation" means the inability of the signer of an electronic ~~document or~~ record to deny their electronic signature without factual basis. [4]

11. "Notary electronic signature" means those forms of electronic signature ~~which have been~~ approved, specified or allowed by ~~the commissioning official~~ state law as an acceptable means for an Electronic Notary to affix the Notary's official signature to an electronic record that is being notarized.

12. "Notary Public" means an individual commissioned or appointed to perform a notarial act by the [commissioning/appointing officer or agency] of this State.[5]

[List number to be assigned if approved.] "Notarial officer" means a notary public or other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.

[List Number to be assigned if approved.] Person — "a person," "any person" or "all other persons" mean an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

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[2] ~~Although~~ The definitions for "electronic notarial certificate" and "Electronic Notary seal" ~~have references~~ refer to "commission number," "commission expiration" and "Notary seal," ~~it is recognized that~~ though some jurisdictions do not issue commission numbers or require Notary seals. Other jurisdictions ~~that~~ issue life-long Notary commissions that do not have expiration dates.

[3] See Footnote 2.

[4] "Non-repudiation" as defined in these Standards ~~is intended to create~~ establishes a presumption of the ~~regularity and reliability~~ integrity of electronically executed records ~~so they may be relied upon by third parties~~.]

[5] The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts differentiates "Notary Public" from "notarial officer," which is a Notary Public OR other individual—for example, judges, clerks, etc.—authorized under state law to perform a notarial act.

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13. "Personal appearance" and "appears before the Notary" mean that the principal and the Notary Public: are physically close enough to see, hear, communicate with, and give identification credentials to each other, or interact through the use of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology as defined in ~~addendum~~ "Standards—Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of Communication Technology."

14. Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

15. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

16. "Tamper-evident" means that any change~~s~~ to an electronic ~~document~~ record shall display evidence of the change.

17. "Under the Notary Public's sole control" means accessible by the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities. [6]

18. "Unique to the Notary Public" ~~and "under the sole control" mean with respect to an electronic notarization that the signing device used to affix the electronic signature of the Notary Public and to render the official electronic seal information tamper-evident must be accessible by and attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons and entities for the necessary period of time that such device is engaged and operating to effectuate the authorized electronic notarization.~~ means, with respect to an electronic notarial act, that the electronic signature of the Notary Public is attributable solely to the Notary Public to the exclusion of all other persons.[7]

Standards

Personal Appearance Requirement

1. A Notary Public shall not perform an electronic ~~notarization~~ notarial act if the ~~document~~ signer of the electronic record does not appear ~~in person~~ before the Notary Public at the time of notarization.

2. The methods for identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of an electronic record ~~document signers for an electronic notarization where the signer is in the physical presence of the notary~~ shall at a minimum be the same as the methods required for ~~a paper-based notarization~~ identifying physically present individuals appearing for notarization of a tangible record.[8]

[6] As defined, the term "under the Notary Public's sole control" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these Standards.

[7] As defined, the term "unique to the Notary Public" does not require any particular, currently existing technology or preclude any signature or seal technology that may emerge in the future for the purpose of electronic and remote notarizations that satisfy these standards.

[8] Under no circumstances shall a Notary Public base identification merely upon familiarity with a signer's electronic signature, or an electronic verification process that authenticates the signer's electronic signature, when the signer does not appear personally before a Notary Public.

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~~Registration~~ Authorization Requirement

3. ~~The commissioning official shall require a notary public to register the capability to notarize electronically before performing any electronic notarial act. Such registration shall be with the [commissioning official] every time a notary public adopts a new or additional technology with which to perform electronic notarial acts.~~ The commissioning/appointing official shall require a Notary Public to be duly authorized prior to performing any electronic notarial act. Authorization shall be by means prescribed in law or administrative rules of the commissioning/appointing official, and shall be subject to update, renewal, non-renewal and termination requirements prescribed in law or administrative rules.

4. The commissioning/appointing official ~~shall~~ may require a Notary Public ~~who registers the capability of performing~~ filing for [or requesting] authorization to perform electronic notarial acts to provide the following information: a) the electronic technology or technologies to be used in attaching or logically associating an electronic notarial signature, seal and certificate to an electronic ~~document~~ record; b) an exemplar of the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal~~,~~; ~~and~~ c) any necessary instructions or techniques supplied by the vendor that allow the Notary's electronic signature and official electronic seal to be read~~.~~; and d) any other information specified by the commissioning/appointing official. [9]

Form and Manner of Performing the Electronic Notarial Act

5. When performing an electronic notarization, a Notary Public shall complete an electronic notarial certificate and attach or logically associate the Notary's electronic signature and seal to that certificate in a tamper-evident manner. ~~Evidence of tampering pursuant to this standard may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.~~

6. The Notary Public's electronic signature and official electronic seal are ~~is~~ deemed to be reliable if they are ~~the following requirements are met~~:
   (a) ~~it is~~ unique to the Notary Public,
   (b) ~~it is~~ capable of independent verification,
   (c) ~~it is~~ retained under the Notary Public's sole control,[10] and
   (d) ~~it is~~ attached to or logically associated with the electronic record ~~document~~ in a tamper-evident manner.

   Evidence of tampering pursuant to these Standards may be used to determine whether the notarial act is valid or invalid.

[9] The technologies that a state may authorize for an electronic notarization will dictate how the attachment or logical association of the electronic notarial certificate, electronic signature, and official electronic seal to the ~~document~~ record will be accomplished. ~~It is possible that~~ The electronic signature and seal may possibly be combined in a single element; or ~~that~~ the seal may be a component of the signature or vice versa. The important matter is that all of the Notary Public's identifying and commissioning information be made a part of, or a secure attachment to, the underlying notarized electronic record. Although the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) and the federal ESIGN Act can be read to have eliminated the need for a physical seal image as a requirement for determining whether an electronic record ~~document~~ is an "original" versus a copy, the seal requirement remains essential to authenticating records under federal and state rules of evidence. What is important is that the basic identifying and commissioning information—contained in the Notary Public's holographic signature and traditional inking and embossing Notary seals—are also elements of a notarized electronic ~~document~~ record.]

[10] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned Notary Public.

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7. The Notary Public's electronic signature in combination with the Electronic Notary seal shall be used only for the purpose of performing electronic notarial acts.

8. ~~The~~ A Notary Public's liability, sanctions, and remedies for ~~the~~ improper~~ly~~ performing ~~performance of~~ electronic notarial acts are the same as described and provided by law for the Notary's improper performance of non-electronic notarial acts.

Security Requirements

9. ~~The~~ A Notary Public shall not disclose any access information used to affix the Electronic Notary's signature and seal except when requested by law enforcement, the courts, and with reasonable precautions, electronic ~~document~~ record preparation and transmission vendors.[11]

Authenticating the Notarial Act; Requirements

10. Electronic notarial acts ~~need to~~ shall fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation and the capability of being authenticated by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority for purposes of issuing Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication. They are as follows: a) the fact of the notarial act, including the Notary's identity, signature, and commission status, must be verifiable by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority and b) the notarized electronic ~~document~~ record will be rendered ineligible for authentication by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority if it is improperly modified after the time of notarization, including any unauthorized alterations to the ~~document~~ record's content, the electronic notarial certificate, the Notary Public's or notarial officer's electronic signature, and/or the Notary Public's or notarial officer's official electronic seal.[12]

Issuance of Electronic Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication, Requirements

11. Electronic Apostilles ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Apostille by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Apostille must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Apostille from the public document.[13]

12. Electronic Certificates of Authentication (or Appointment) ~~need to~~ must fulfill certain basic requirements to ensure non-repudiation: a) the fact of the issuance of the Certificate by the ~~commissioning official~~ competent authority must be independently verifiable and b) the Certificate must be invalidated if the underlying ~~document~~ record is improperly modified as when, for example, a person attempts to remove the Certificate from the public document.

[11] Control of security aspects such as but not limited to passwords, token devices, biometrics, PINs, phrases, and software on protected hardware shall remain only under the control of the commissioned/appointed ~~individual~~ Notary.

[12] "Authentication" in this context is "a certification of the genuineness of the official character, i.e., signature and seal, or position of a foreign official. It is an act done with the intention of causing a record which has been executed or issued in one jurisdiction to be recognized in another jurisdiction. Records which may require authentication include legal instruments notarized by foreign Notaries or other officials, and copies of public records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, issued by foreign record keepers." (22 CRF 92.36)]

[13] **The Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication) and the underlying record** are legally joined. Therefore, any separation legally invalidates the Apostille (or Certificate of Authentication). To ensure a recipient the necessary degree of security and trust in deciding whether to accept, an electronic Apostille (or electronic Certificate of Authentication) must, from the time of issuance, provide integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. The term "public document" is used as defined in Article 1 of The Hague Conference on Private International Law's Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

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~~Addendum~~ Standards: Notarial Acts Performed for a Remotely Located Individual by Means of ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

As used in this Addendum, the terms in Standards 1-15 (Definitions) have the meanings ~~ascribed~~ provided therein. In addition:

1. ~~"Audio-video communication"~~ "Communication technology" means ~~being able to see, hear, and communicate with another individual in real time using electronic means~~ an electronic device or process that (a) allows a Notary Public and a remotely located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously by sight and sound; and (b) when necessary and consistent with other applicable law, facilitates communication with a remotely located individual who has a vision, hearing, or speech impairment.

2. "Credential analysis" means a process or service operating according to criteria allowed by the commissioning/appointing official ~~authority~~ through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a government-issued identification credential through review of public or proprietary data sources.

3. "Dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment" means an identity assessment that is based on a set of questions formulated from public or proprietary data sources for which the principal has not provided a prior answer.

4. "Identity proofing" means a process or service ~~operating according to criteria approved by the commissioning official through which a third person or party affirms the identity of an individual through review of personal information from public or proprietary data sources.~~by which a third person provides a Notary Public or notarial officer, as applicable, with a means to verify the identity of a remotely located individual by a review of personal information from public or private data sources.

5. "Public key certificate" means an electronic credential which is used to identify an individual who signed an electronic record with the certificate.

6. "Real time" means the actual span of uninterrupted, simultaneous communication during which all parts of an electronic notarial act occur.

7. "Remote electronic notarization system" means a set of applications, programs, hardware, software, or technology designed to enable an Electronic Notary Public to perform electronic notarial acts through ~~audio-video~~ communication technology.

8. "Remotely presented" means the transmission of a quality image of a government-issued identification credential to an Electronic Notary Public through communication technology for the purpose of enabling the Electronic Notary Public to identify the ~~person~~ individual appearing before the Electronic Notary Public and to perform a credential analysis.

Authority to Perform Electronic Notarization Using ~~Audio-Video~~ Communication Technology

9. A duly authorized Notary Public may perform an electronic notarial act ~~for~~ involving an electronic ~~document~~ record by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology for a principal who is not in person with the Notary Public but is located:
   (a) in the state where the Notary is commissioned;
   (b) outside of the state where the Notary is commissioned but within the United States; or

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(c) outside the United States if:
   i. the act is not prohibited in the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located at the time of the act; and
   ii. the record is part of or pertains to a matter that is to be filed with or is before a court, governmental entity, or other entity located in the United States or involves property located in, or a transaction substantially connected with, the United States.

10. A Notary Public or notarial officer who performs an electronic notarial act for a principal by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall be located within the state where the Notary Public or notarial officer is commissioned or appointed at the time the electronic notarial act is performed. The Notary Public or notarial officer shall include a statement in the electronic notarial certificate to indicate that the electronic notarial act was performed by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology. The statement may also be included in the Electronic Notary seal.

Remote Electronic Notarization Systems, Requirements

11. A remote electronic notarization system used to perform electronic notarial acts by means of ~~audio-video~~ communication technology shall:
   (a) provide sufficient audio clarity and video resolution to enable the Notary and the principal to see and speak to each other simultaneously through live, real-time transmission; and
   (b) include a means of authentication that reasonably ensures only the ~~proper~~ authorized parties have access to the ~~audio-video~~ communication technology; and
   (c) provide some manner of ensuring that the electronic record that is presented for electronic notarization is the same record electronically signed by the principal; and
   (d) enable the Notary Public to verify the identity of the principal through multiple identity verification methods, which may include: completion of a dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment; credential analysis of a remotely presented government-issued identification that contains the signature and a photograph of the principal; a valid public key certificate; or any other identity proofing method adopted by the commissioning/appointing official; and
   (e) be capable of securely creating, storing, and accessing an electronic recording of the audio-video communication; and
   (f) be capable of securely creating, storing, accessing and reproducing a copy of the recording, and capable of producing all recordings, in response to a request from the Notary Public, commissioning/appointing official, and law enforcement in the course of an investigation; and
   (g) provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to: the live transmission of the audio-video communication; ~~a~~ the recording of the audio-video communication; the verification methods and credentials used to verify the identity of the principal; and the electronic ~~documents~~ records presented for electronic notarization.

Adopted the [date] day of [MONTH], 2023 in Washington, D.C.
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From: Mike Smith via U.S. Notary Offices/Administrators
To: U.S. Notary Offices/Administrators
Subject: [U.S. Notary Offices/Administrators] Amendments - NASS Electronic Notarization Standards - Reply by 03/31/2023
Date: Thursday, March 02, 2023 9:39:05 AM
Attachments: DRAFT FOR COMMENT Amendments NASS eNot Standards incl Remote.docx
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Morning All –

As you may know, the *NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards* resolution must be re-affirmed in 2023 (NASS Support for the Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards (extended review until Summer 2023) | NASS). Originally scheduled to be re-affirmed during the 2023 NASS Winter Conference in February, the Business Services Committee voted to defer action until the 2023 NASS Summer Conference.

In preparation for the Summer Conference, the NPA Section convened a working group to review the *Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards*, including the remote notarization Addendum, prior to the Standards' scheduled 2023 expiration. Attached, please find the working draft. You are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions as we move toward finalization of the revised Standards. Please use the attached draft to enter your comments/suggestions by utilizing the editing tool and reply DIRECTLY to me at mike.smith@gsccca.org by **COB, March 31, 2023.**

The final version will be presented to the NASS Business Services Committee during the 2023 Summer Conference for re-affirmation that would extend the Standards resolution's effectiveness until 2028.

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Subject: [NPA Gov"t Members] Update: Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:34:37 PM
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Good Afternoon, All!

As most of you are aware, NPA began reviewing the *Revised National Electronic Notarization Standards* at the 2022 Summer Conference in Baton Rouge. With the *Standardsâ* pending expiration coinciding with next monthâ s NASS Winter Conference, we have a great opportunity to update them, where appropriate. Over the last several months, the NPA Board has worked on an initial revised draft of the *Standards*, incorporating the comments received during the Baton Rouge work session.

NASS policy requires that existing resolutions be re-affirmed every five years. Therefore, at next monthâ s Winter Conference, the NASS Business Services Committee will be asked to re-affirm the current version of the *Standards* (https://www.nass.org/node/1327), and thereby extend them until Winter 2028.

Subsequent to that action taken by the Business Services Committee, a revised version of the *Standards* will be circulated for comment post-Winter Conference. At the conclusion of a specified comment period, a draft will be finalized and presented to the Business Services Committee for adoption at the 2023 NASS Summer Conference.

Thank you!

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Cc:	Donald Palmer; Thomas Hicks; Christy McCormick; Benjamin Hovland; Mark Robbins; Amanda Joiner; Camden Kelliher; Kristen Muthig
Subject:	Standards Board – January 25, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
Date:	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:41:12 AM

Standards Board Members,

On January 25, 2023 at 1:00pm ET, the Executive Board will hold a virtual Executive Board meeting and encourages all Standards Board Members to join for a discussion of issues and lessons learned in the 2022 election cycle. Executive Board members will lead a discussion on a variety of topics. This meeting is intended to be conversational and to focus on issues that are at the forefront of election officials' minds going into 2023 and 2024. In order for the meeting to be productive, we encourage all Standards Board Members to participate.

The Board identified the following topics for discussion:

- Public Records Requests
- Legislative Changes
- Physical Security
- Retention and Wellness of Election Officials
- VVSG 2.0, Voting Equipment, and Software Challenges
- Pollworkers and Temporary Employees

However, members are welcome to submit additional topics for consideration here (https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7169552/Standards-Board-January-25-Executive-Board-Meeting-Discussion-Topics) by **COB on January 13, 2023**. The Executive Board hopes this conversation and input from Standards Board Members will inform the direction of the Annual Meeting and the Standards Board's focus in 2023.

Additionally, the Executive Board has selected **Thursday, April 13, 2023 and Friday, April 14, 2023** for the in-person annual meeting dates. Additional information, including the meeting location and logistics, will be provided as it becomes available.

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Subject:	Standards Board - Executive Board Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, January 04, 2023 10:58:57 AM
Attachments:	2023-01-05 Executive Board of EAC SB Meeting Agenda.docx

Standards Board Members,

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5 at 3:30pm ET. All Standards Board members are invited to attend and may offer comments or feedback at the Chair's discretion. Attached please find the meeting agenda and the Zoom information below.

Topic: Standards Board Executive Board meeting 1/5
Time: Jan 5, 2023 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD
U.S. ELECTION COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 12:30 pm PST/AZ, 1:30 pm MT, 2:30 pm CST and 3:30 pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Chair or Vice Chair**
2. **Roll Call, Secretary**
3. **Opening Comments, DFO Palmer**
4. **TGDC Representative**
5. **January 25 Virtual Meeting Planning**
6. **Annual Meeting**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

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From:	Dodd, Stacy
To:	Dodd; Stacy
Cc:	Reynolds, Leslie; Maria Benson; Milhofer, John; Lindsey Forson; Brittany Hamilton
Subject:	REGISTER TODAY! NASS 2023 Winter Conference in Washington, DC - February 15-18th
Date:	Thursday, January 05, 2023 8:55:33 AM

Good Morning:

Registration is open for the NASS 2023 Winter Conference from February 15-18, 2023, at the Grand Hyatt Washington DC!

REGISTER NOW ($500 per person before 1/24/23)

Please make your hotel reservations immediately. The room block is selling out quickly. The NASS rate at the Grand Hyatt is **$188 per night**, plus state and local taxes (14.95%). The rate is guaranteed through **Tuesday, January 24, 2023** or until the room block sells out. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel/travel arrangements. Click here to make your reservations online or by phone, call 877-803-7534 and mention the National Association of Secretaries of State to receive the discounted rate.

Click here to learn more about the conference (agenda, travel info., etc.). Due to security the posted public agenda will just be an outline. Registered attendees will receive updated copies of the conference agenda via email.

We're excited to see you in DC in next month!

Stacy

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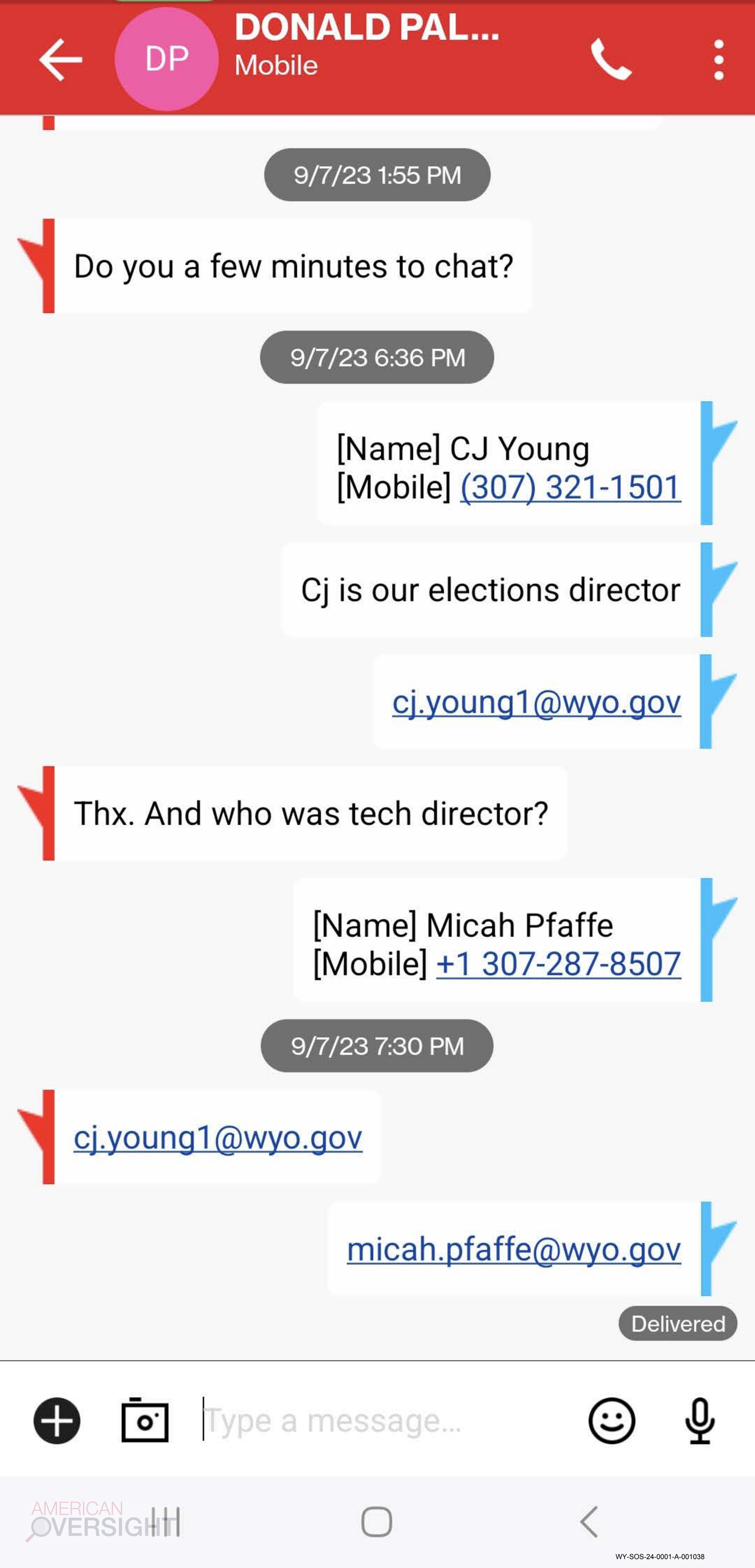

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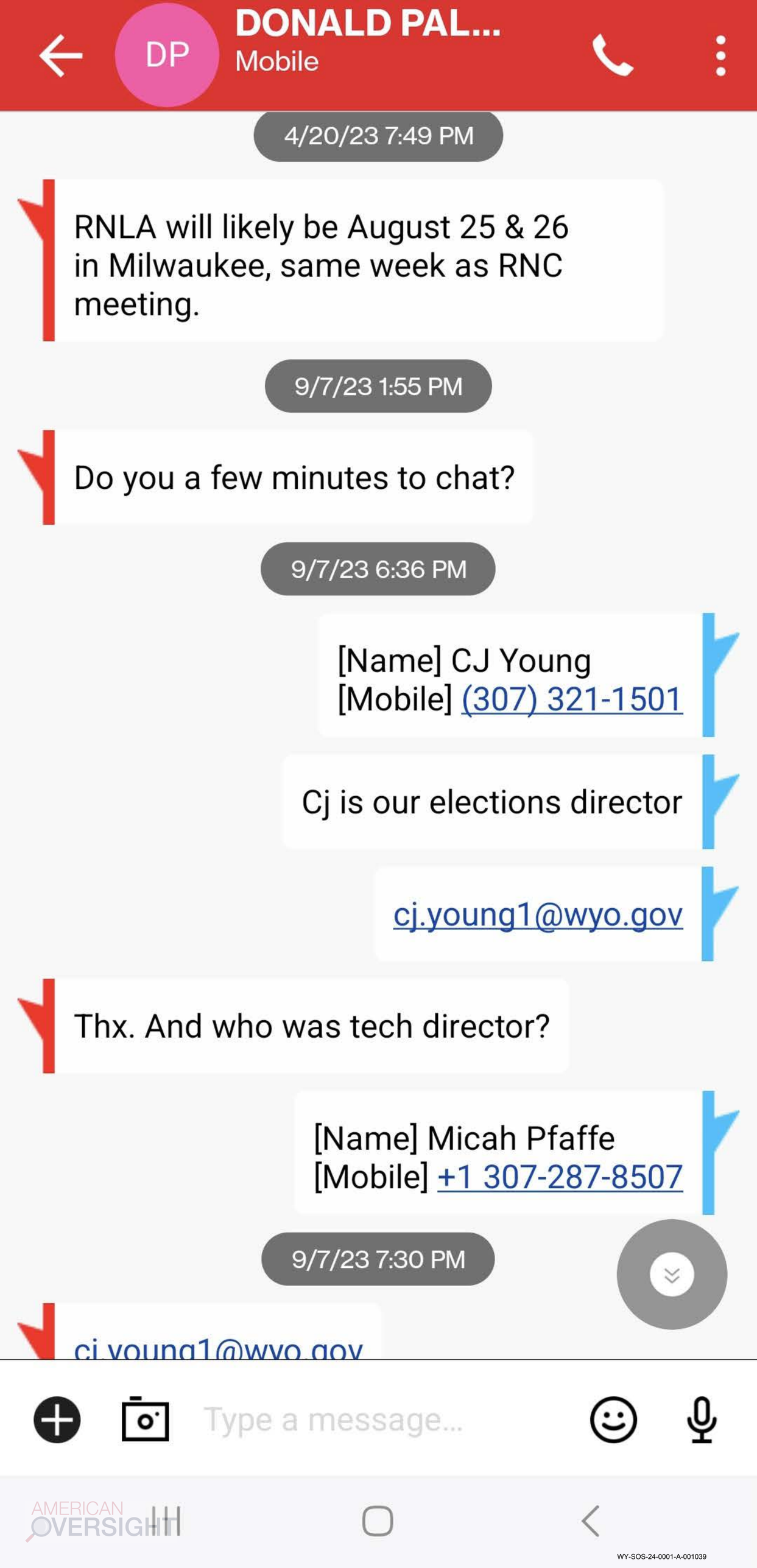

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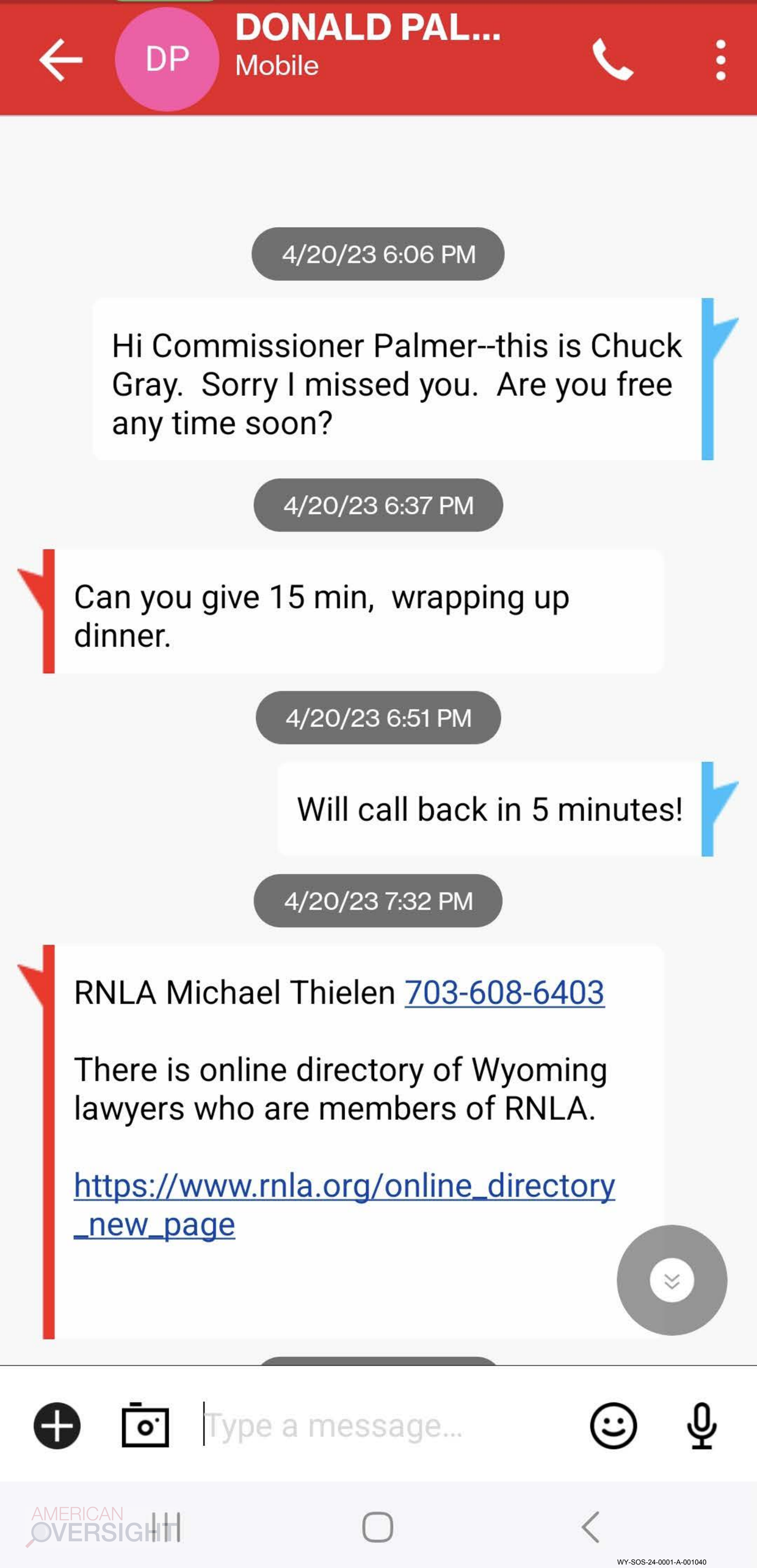

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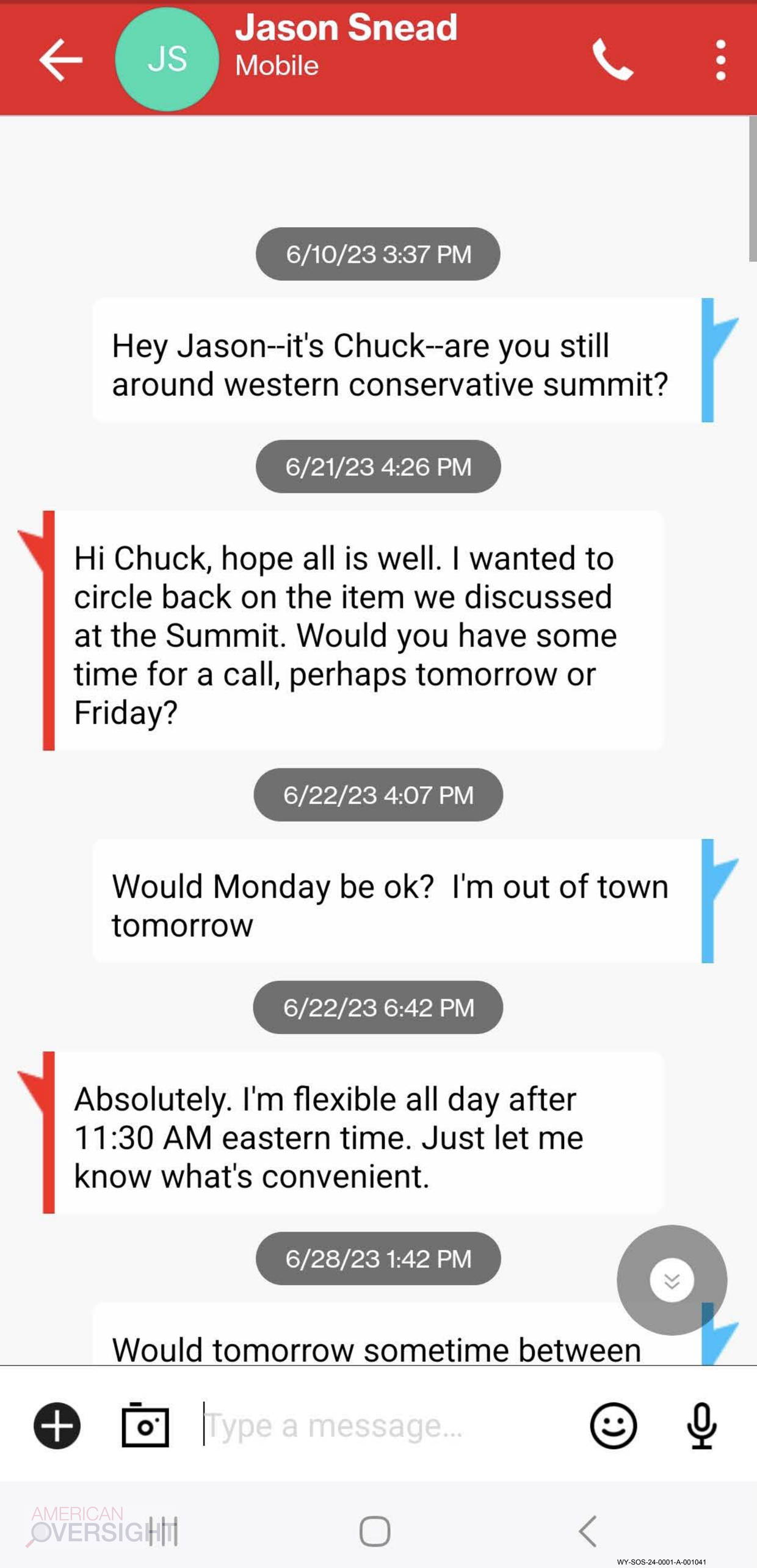

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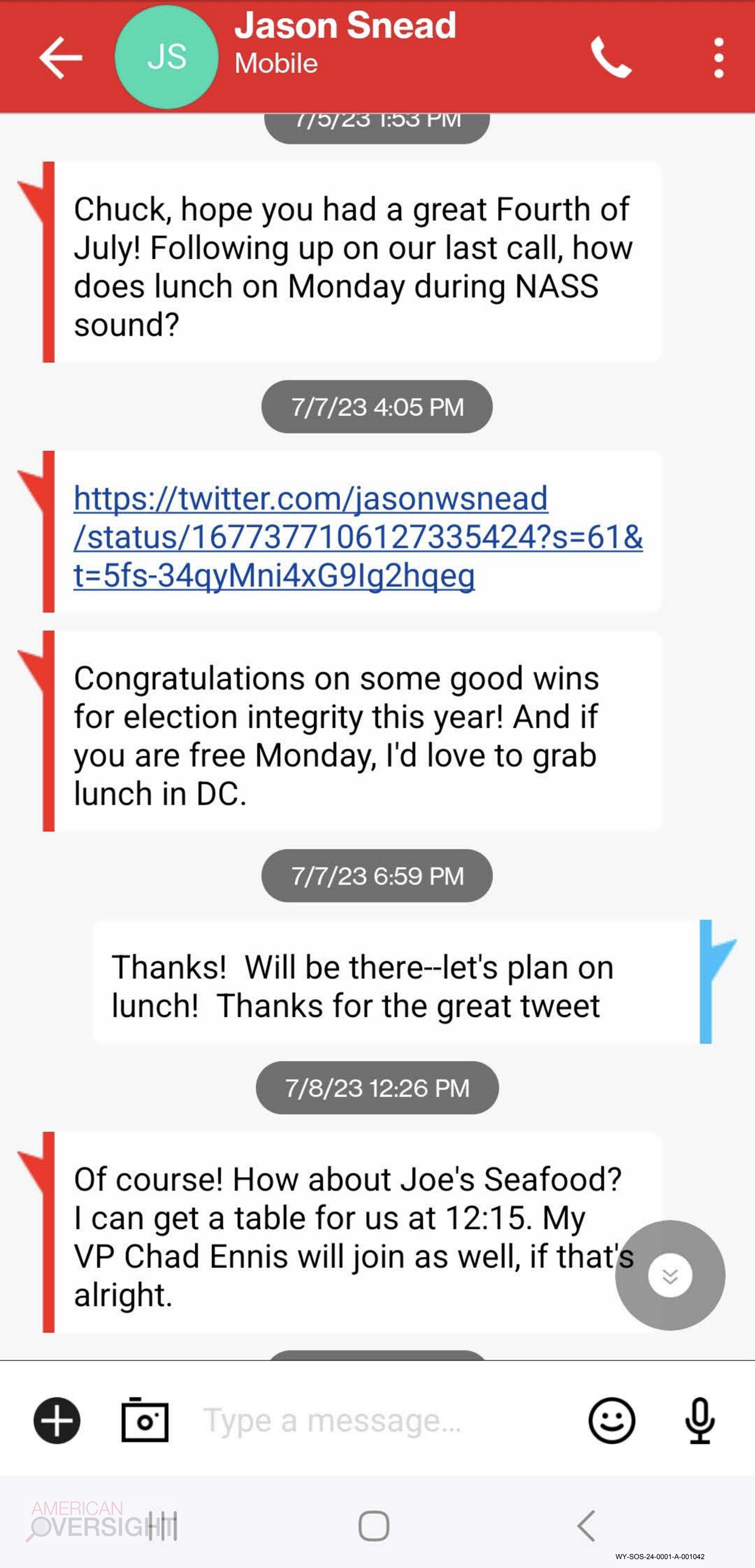

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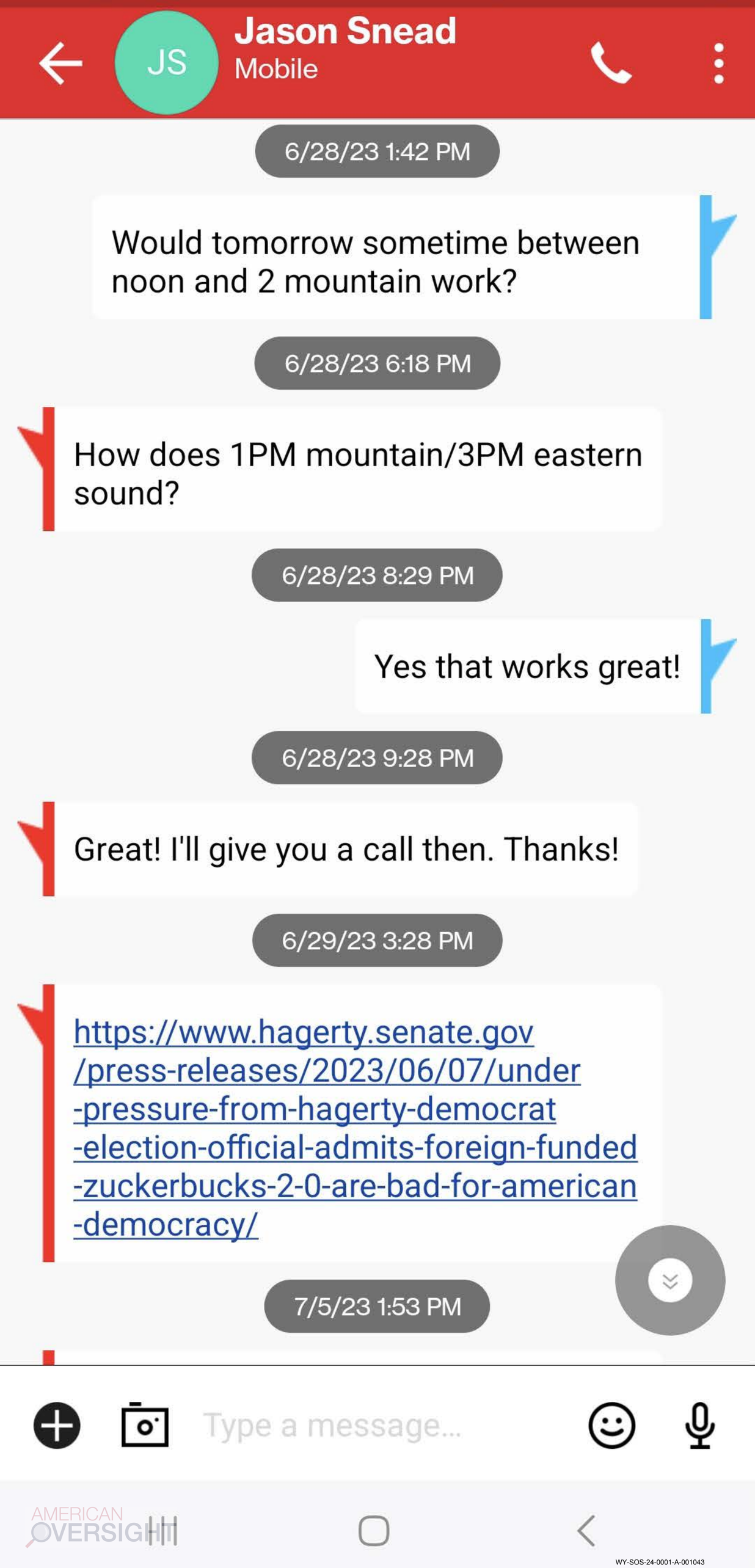

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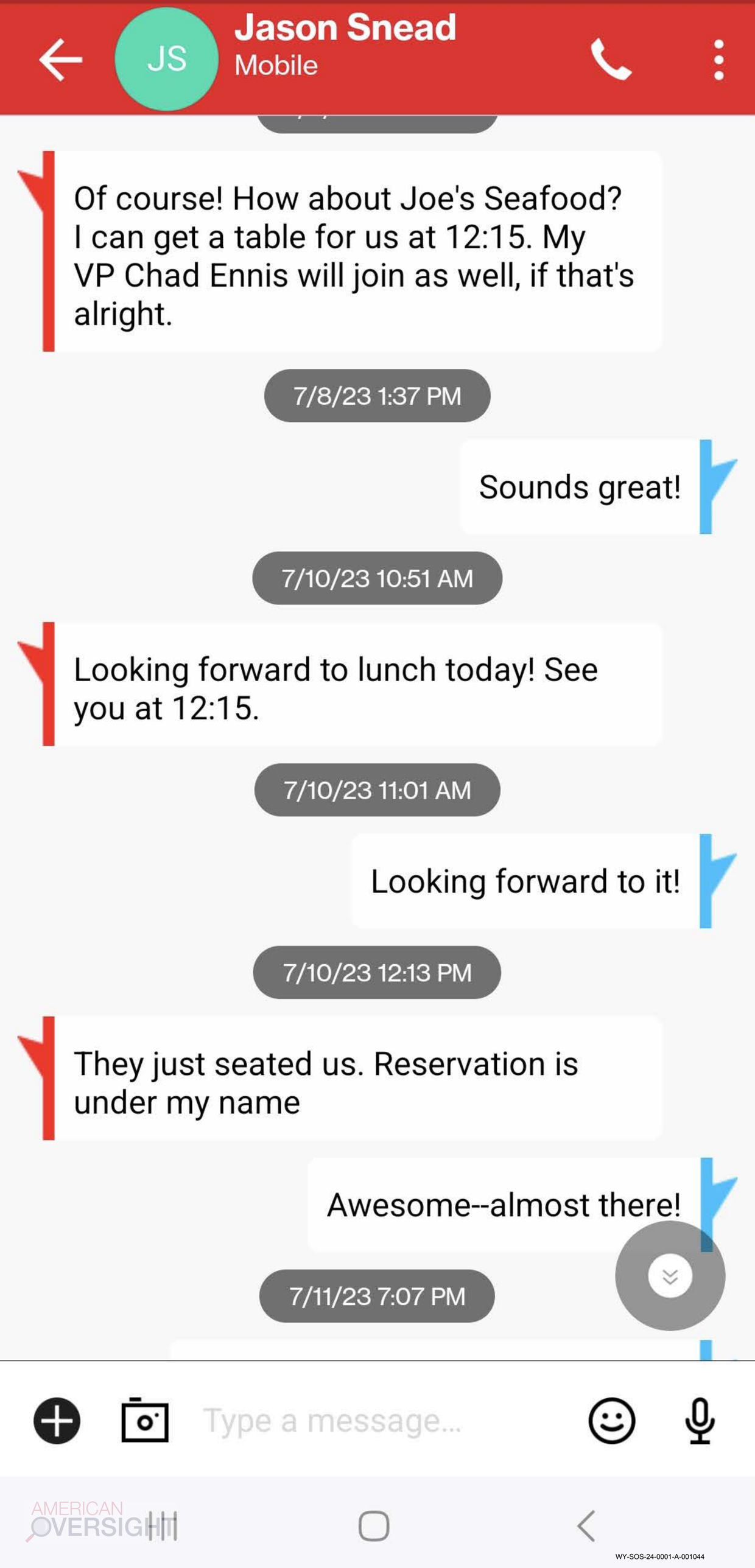

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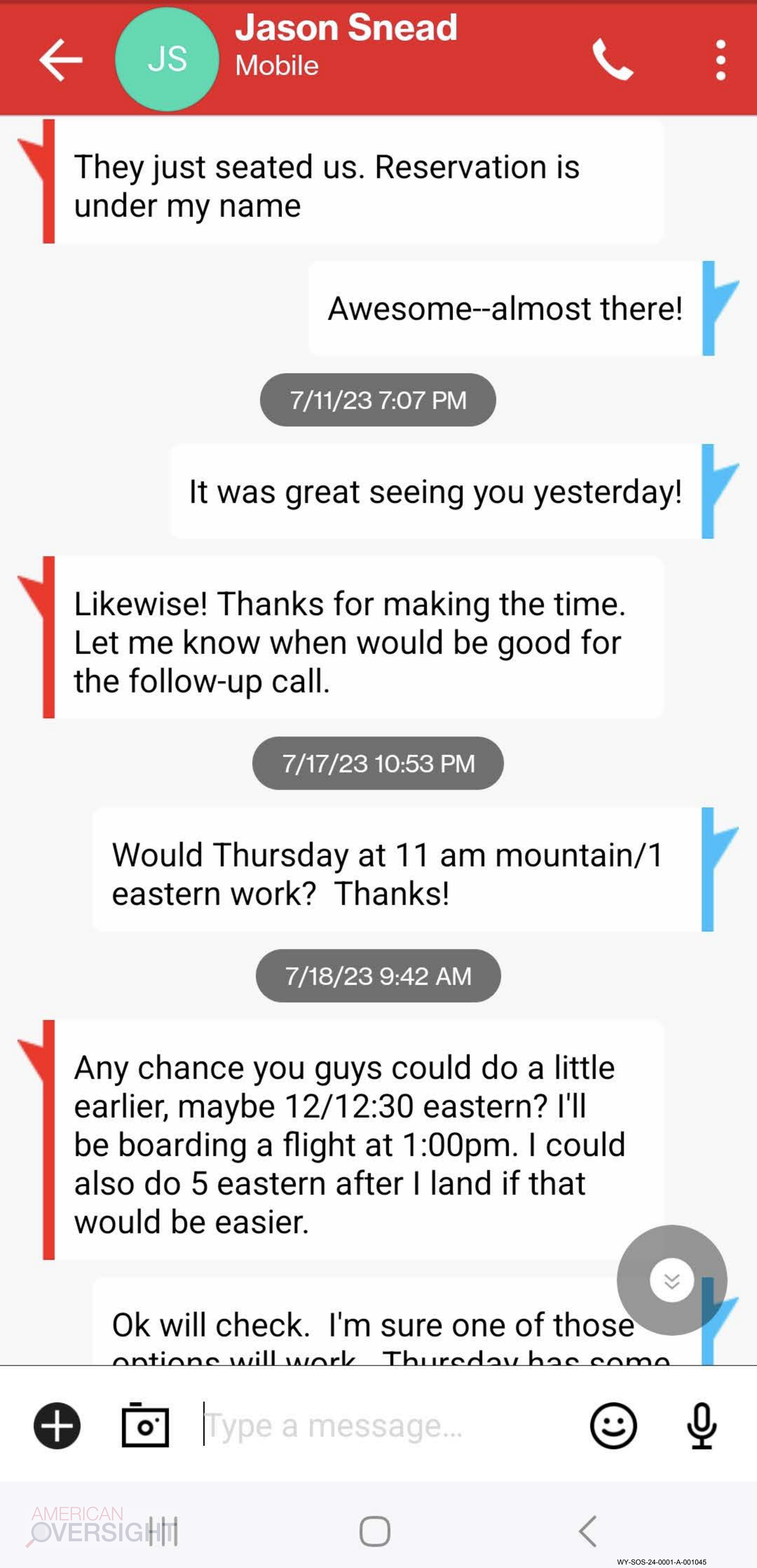

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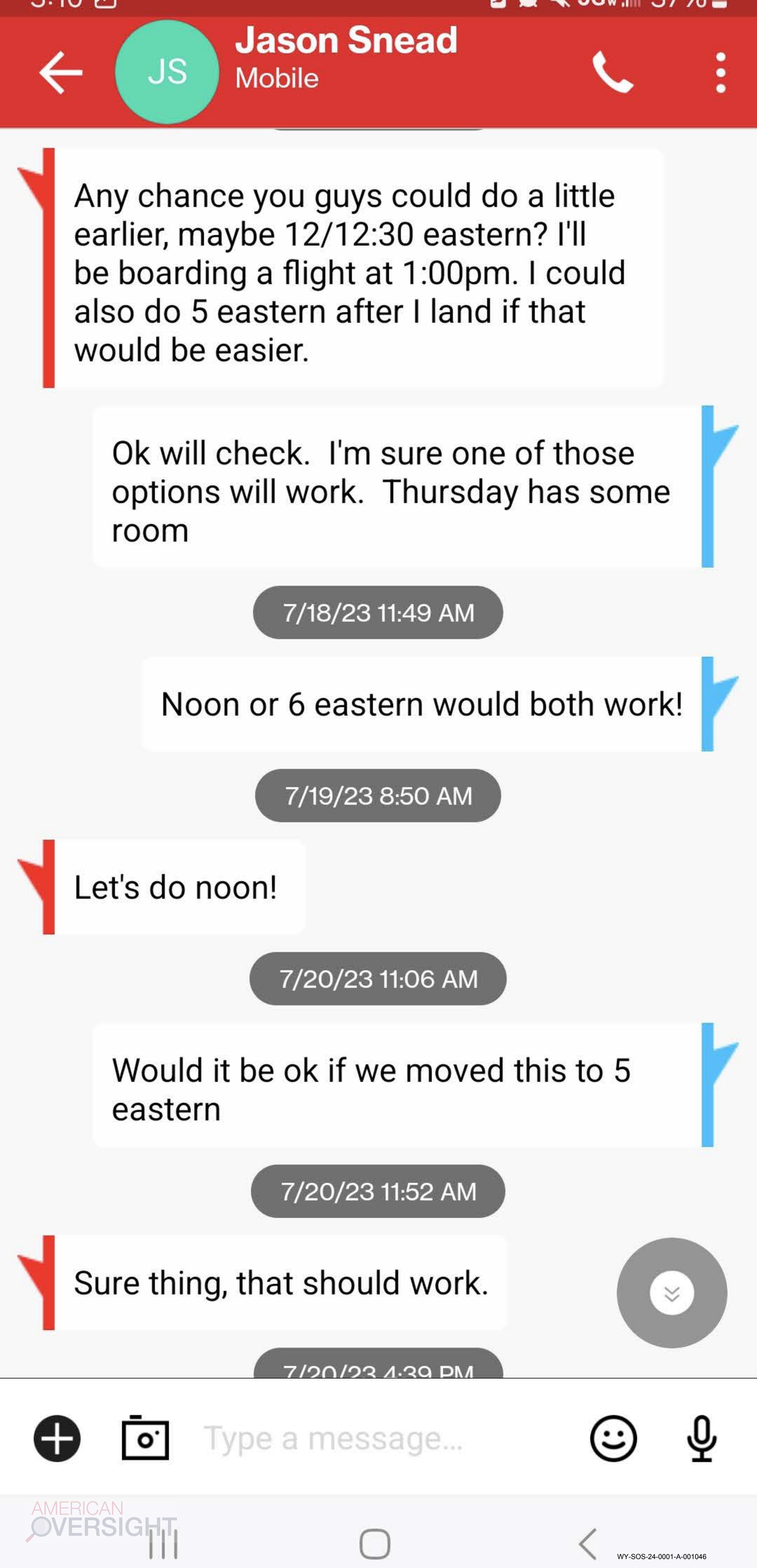

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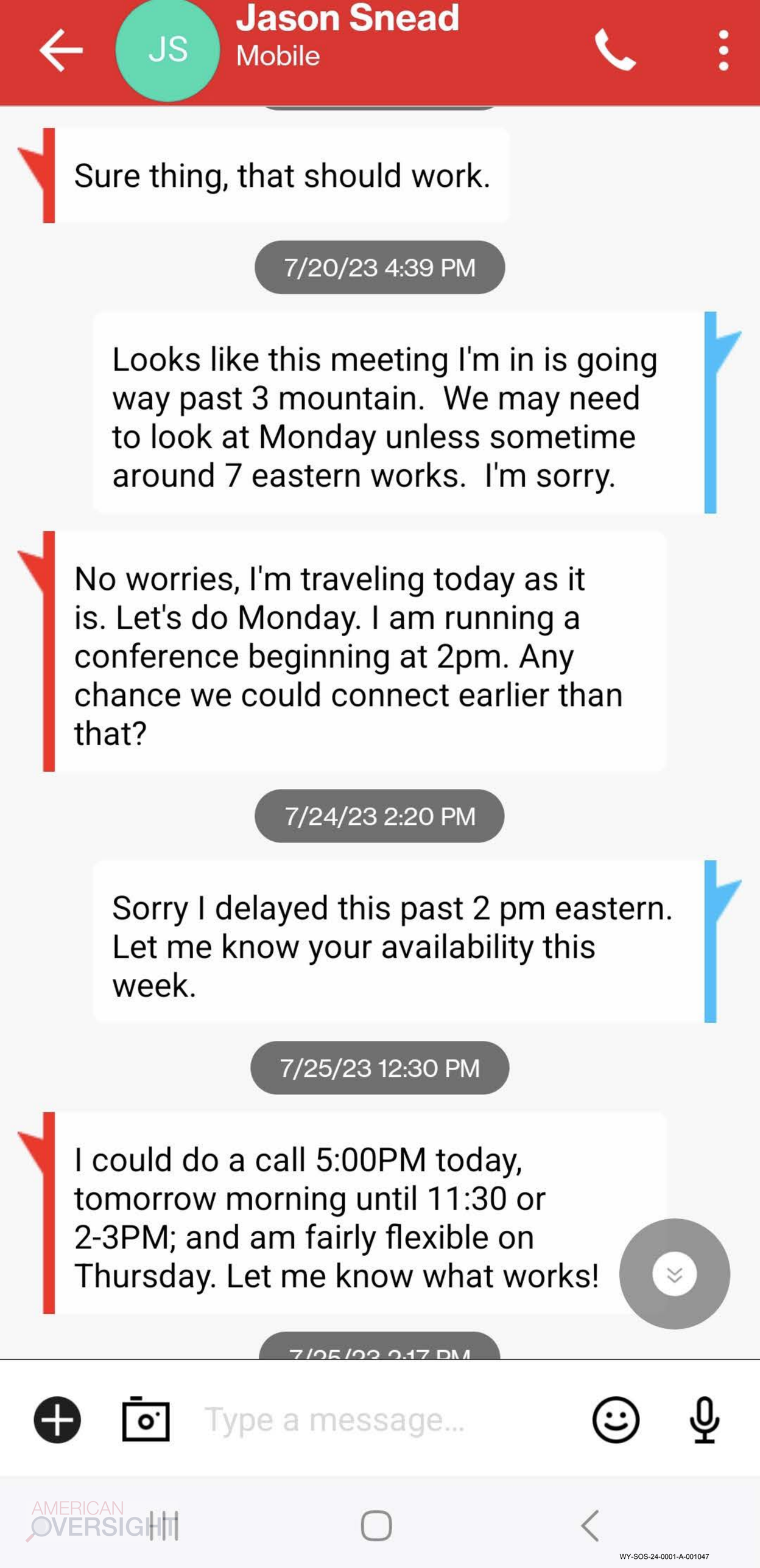

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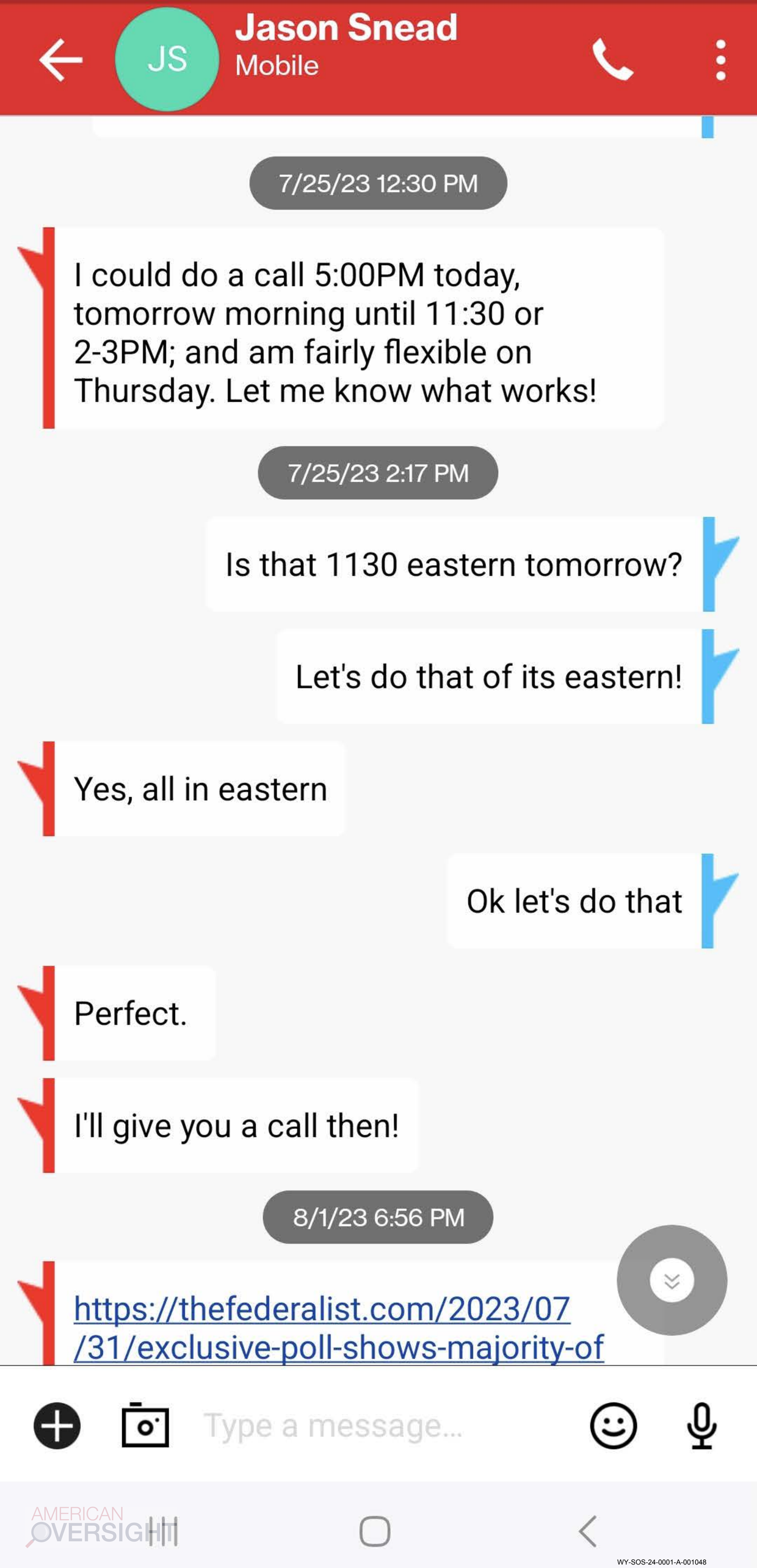

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Secretary of State's Office Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 2 of its Election Procedures to Require Proof of Residency to Register to Vote

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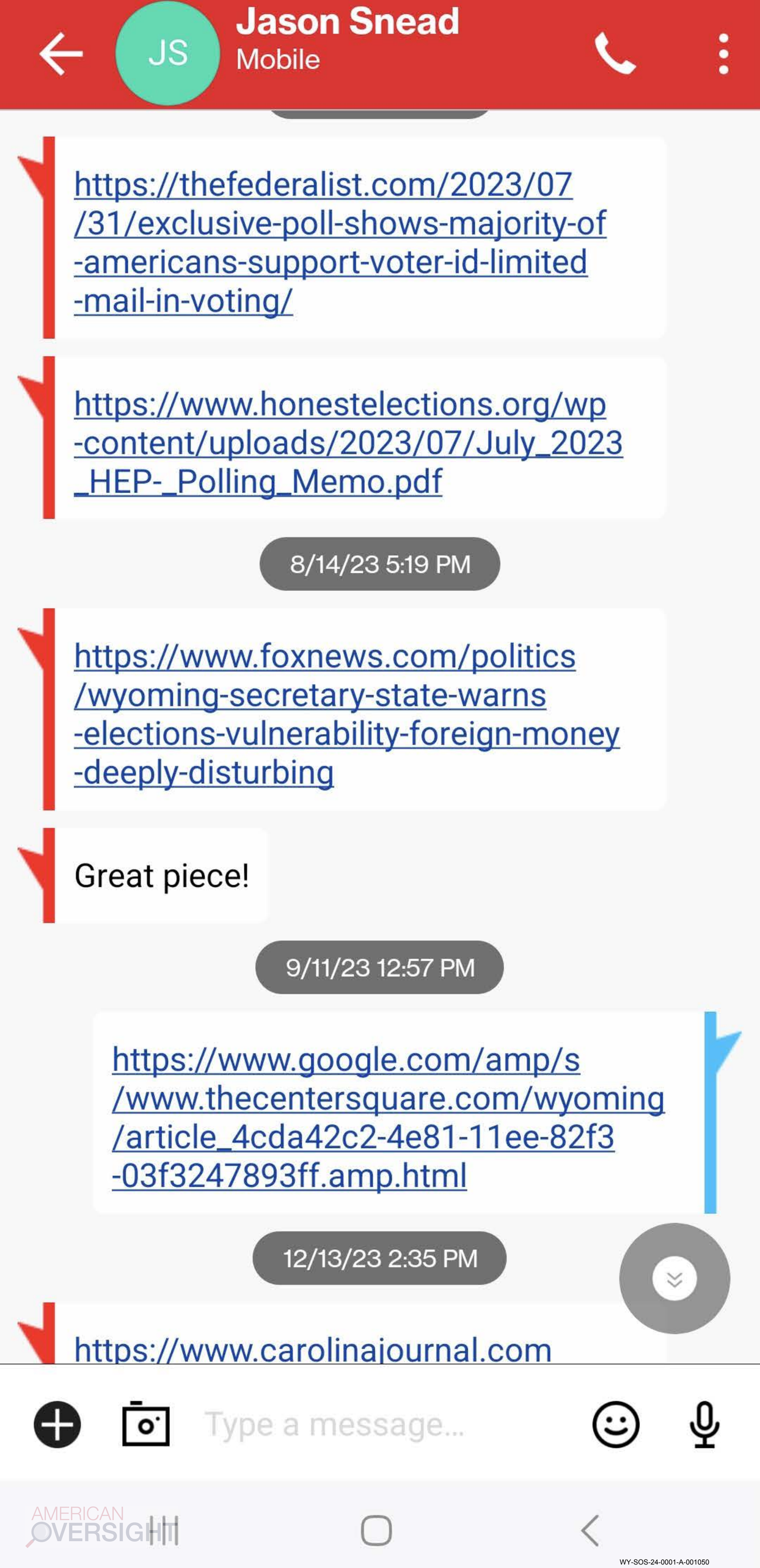

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