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Gentlemen:

I thought the audit process went well overall today. For that, congratulations.

However, I have identified a serious chain of custody issue regarding the audit and the August 4, 2022 election and the portion of the scanner bins that hold ballots that must be answered and addressed.

The blue seal tag numbers on all four scanners that you chose for the audit had different blue seal tag numbers than the numbers that were notated on the official poll machine certification reports at the conclusion of the election. See below chart and the attached PDF showing your poll official reports.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AUGUST 4 2022 ELECTION CHAIN OF CUSTODY ISSUE					
Voter Center	Scanner	Green tag Election Day Close	Green tag at audit today	Blue tag Election Day Close	Blue tag at audit today
Absentee A	DS0321390449	0502582	0502582	0403477	0401934
Absentee B	DS0321390427	0502538	0502538	0403501	0403333
Cool Springs B	DS0321380472	159561	159561	0403450	0401965
Early Vote Franklin Rec B	DS0321390065	0502549	0502549	0403337	0401937

We would request an explanation of this.

This is somewhat related to the issue that poll watchers reported to us and to your poll officials on election day, that a number of blue seals were missing on election day scanners and needed to be replaced. Of the ten instances of missing blue seals on election day, seven replaced the tag with another tag at some point in the day. Perfect move. Three voter centers, however, did not securely seal this bin, meaning ballots could be removed, changed during transit or times when no election official was at the voter center. Here's what we know:

- First Presbyterian Church B missing blue seal – new green tag #161089 applied
- Pearre Creek Elementary B missing blue seal – no replacement tag applied
- Brentwood Library A missing blue seal – no replacement tag applied
- Sunset Elementary A missing blue seal – new tag #0403371 applied
- Sunset Elementary B missing blue seal – new tag #0403395 applied
- Nolensville Rec Cntr A missing blue seal – new tag #0403366 applied
- Clovercroft Elementary A missing blue seal – new tag #403355 applied
- Clovercroft Elementary B missing blue seal – new green tag #759448 applied
- Spring Station Middle School A missing blue seal – new tag #162783 applied
- Fairview Rec Cntr A missing blue seal – no replacement tag applied

Citizens need an explanation for this break in chain of custody, especially since all three situations (non-matching blue tags on audit scanners; broken blue tags prior to or during voting; and the lack of three poll officials securely addressing the missing tag issue) involve the portion of the bin where ballots are kept.

We are also aware that none of the ten scanners that had missing blue tags were audited to be sure there was no tampering with the ballots. So, the chain of custody is the only security backup citizens have.

I look forward to your clarification. Also, when are you planning to certify this election?

Thank you.

Regards,

Frank Limpus
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