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Subject: Review of May 5th election configuration tapes

Thank you for allowing me to re-check the configuration tapes from the May 5th election.

They were very well organized and labeled to make it easy for an auditor to find his way through them. Big improvement over how I recall experiencing the tapes in my early years of documenting each election.

However, be aware that you have some issues with these tapes.

In my opinion, the configuration tape is the printed proof that the election was executed on the machines as you intended. If there is ever any question as to what happened in an election or a machine, you guys can definitively go to the configuration tapes. However, the configuration tapes in 20 of the 35 EV and ED vote centers that I looked at today had type that was so faint the information could hardly be read, they were blank or several were wrinkled beyond comprehension. So, in 57% of your vote centers the tabulator data could not be determined. And consider this. In my opinion, if I were the auditor or lawyer for a candidate who is contesting the election, you've just given me an excellent platform upon which to challenge the election. I believe I'm right in this... you guys would not have machine records that would prove the election was run correctly.

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I'm not here to challenge the election even though I believe this further proves the mistake of using voting machines in an election. Personally, what I could see was probably sufficient for me to believe that what I couldn't see was probably okay. I also base that on your move at Monday's machine inspection to add an additional level of transparency.

I am making this recommendation for future elections. You should ensure poll officials print off a configuration tape that plainly shows ALL the settings in easy-to-read text. (FYI, what I was looking for on each tape was: the date, the machine #, the detection of a modem and two other modem prompts, the firmware numbers and the election settings.)

I'm going to also recommend that you have the poll officials also print an evening configuration tape so officials can compare the before-the-election settings and the after-the-election settings. I saw several configuration tapes that had a p.m. time stamp so, again, we both know that can be done. Especially given the instructions for doing so that I passed along earlier.

I also saw a setting that would have the machine automatically print an event log, which, as you know, would pinpoint usual – and unusual – events that occurred within the tabulator during the election. You might consider having that turned on. And I'll make the plea once more since first requesting for it in 2022 that a [hash verification](#) be done for every tabulator used in the election.

Gentlemen, you can take my recommendations or not. But when it gets down to it, it's all a matter of how buttoned-up you want the election to be.

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