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VIA U.S FIRST CLASS MAIL

Senator Doug Mastriano
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Operations
Senate Box 203033
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3033

Re: Your Request for Information Pertaining to the 2020 General Election and 2021 Primary Election

Dear Senator Mastriano,

This letter is in reply to your request that Tioga County provide you access to our voting machines and related information of various types so that a forensic audit can be performed. As you know, in the interstice between your request and this response, the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania issued a directive that we and other counties must refuse to provide third party access to our voting machines or she will decertify them, rendering them unusable in future elections. This had already happened to one county before she issued that directive, and Fulton County, who cooperated with you after being approached confidentially, has in fact had its machines decertified. We are therefore not refusing to cooperate with your effort to audit the machines as many have said. We have instead made clear through our Senator, Cris Dush, that we would cooperate in any such effort so long as you could provide us funds to have new machines in place in time for the Fall election. That means we have to have new machines in place by no later than August 20th. That remains true and we make it part of our official response to you now: provide us with a means through which we can ensure that our voters will be able to vote in the Fall (i.e., provide us money for new machines and help us ensure that we can actually receive those new machines by August 20 so that we can have them ready for the Fall election), and we will facilitate access to our existing machines. So far, we have received no response to this request, even though prior to receiving your letter it was conveyed to us on your behalf that such funding would be made available to us as part of your inquiry.

We have a responsibility to ensure that our voters can vote in the Fall. If we give you access to our machines, the Secretary of State will decertify them as she did in Fulton County. We are thus unable to grant you access to our machines without any help from you or the Senate to replace them. We therefore decline your request at this time.

Very Truly Yours,

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Cc: Tioga County Commissioners