Open Letter to State Board of Elections and Secretary of State

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The possibility of vote rigging has received much attention. Voter registration has received most of the attention, but at least two related issues can be just as devastating to our goal of a free and fair election:

1. **Electronic voting machine rigging** (ballot scanners and touch-screen machines).
2. “**Man in the Middle”** or “**Kingpin**” vote tally manipulation.

These issues directly affect the ability of bipartisan election officials to be able to certify and verify the votes over which they have jurisdiction. Without provable knowledge, their certifications are fraudulent.

Will you kindly provide timely, public answers the following questions and concerns?

1. **With regard to paper ballots**, do the bipartisan counters double check their counts?

2. **With regard to ballot scanners**, do bipartisan election officials double check the vote tallies generated by every machine against the original paper ballots filled in by the voter before certifying the vote tally?

3. **With regard to touch-screen machines**,
   a. How can a voter double check to ensure that the selections made on the screen are accurately recorded by the machine, on every machine?
   b. How do the bipartisan election officials double check on every machine that the vote totals generated by the machine accurately report the screen selections of the voter?

With both **ballot scanners** and **touch-screen machines**, at best, random sampling of machines for accuracy means that only the tested machines can be certified. What about the untested machines? Is not their certification pure speculation? Do the bipartisan officials also examine the software program on each machine to look for possible “vote shifting” programming?)

4. **With regard to an unbroken, bipartisan chain of custody on voting machines**, how can an election official certify and verify a total from an electronic machine:
   a. *If in the case of a ballot scanner*, the officials has not counted the paper ballots to double check on each machine, and
   b. *If in the case of a touch-screen machine*, the voter has been able to verify that the machine has faithfully recorded his or her votes on each machine?

5. **With regard to an unbroken, bipartisan chain of custody on tally reporting**, how can bipartisan officials up the chain from precinct through to and including the State tabulator certify and verify that the totals being received and totaled by them accurately report the tallies sent from the precincts?

   Or, put another way, what bipartisan precautions and network monitoring is in place to prevent “**Man in the Middle”** or “**Kingpin**” manipulation or “shifting” of vote tallies by third parties who are not subject to bipartisan monitoring and certification of an unbroken chain of custody?

   We understand that verifying results may slow down the reporting process. But, we strongly believe that a slightly slower and more accurate process is definitely in the best interests of our great country.

   Will you kindly provide detailed answers to these questions prior to the November 2016 beginning with Absentee ballots? Will you also provide firm assurance that you have solutions to these threats?

Please send your response to: ____________________________________________________

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