

August 29, 2023

Richland County Board of Elections  
1495 West Longview Avenue  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906  
SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL

## **Re: Paper ballots as primary method for voting**

Dear Director Matt Fingfeld & Deputy Director Jane Zimmerman,

Thank you for preparing and conducting the elections for Richland County. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

It is our understanding the Board of Election Directors recommended using paper ballots as the primary voting method for the August 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election, allocating nearly twenty-thousand paper ballots. With a 37% voter turnout, we believe the special election went smoothly and efficiently with nearly twenty-two thousand votes cast on election day alone.

As lead clergymen from 80 congregations, we do not pretend to be experts in cybersecurity or voting technology. However, when issues of morality and election integrity are at play, we get involved.

Having said that, based on disturbing bipartisan reports in 2021, lead clergymen representing 72 local congregations raised concerns about Dominion Image Cast X electronic voting machines, tabulators, and ballot printing systems. The clergy warned in a letter that security, transparency, and neutrality of this vendor enlisted to serve the electorate, was in question. (1) Since that time, more on these voting machines has been learned. (2)

With the test of time, it has been discovered data found on the Dominion machines can be easily accessed and manipulated. (3) Despite the Dominion Voting Systems CEO saying his machines cannot switch votes, (4) the reverse has been proven.

This past summer the courts finally unsealed a report from twelve months ago by cybersecurity analyst J. Alex Halderman. The report confirmed votes can be altered in Dominion ICX voting machines by malware and that Dominion software can be hacked. (5) Even federal cybersecurity officials have verified there are software vulnerabilities in certain ballot-marking devices made by Dominion Voting Systems. (6) In fact, Dominion's own employees have expressed serious concerns about the security of their own machines. (7)

It is important to note that voter fraud exists in all forms, whether with voting machines or paper ballots. The point can be made, with local accountability, paper ballots counted by hand presents less opportunity for fraud.

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 2:13, "Then I saw that wisdom surpasses foolishness as light surpasses darkness."

**Scrutiny of these voting machines has finally shed more light. As leading clergymen of eighty (80) congregations with members who are registered voters in Richland County, we want to thank the Board of Elections for using paper ballots as the primary voting method in this recent special election. We also believe since the Board of Election appears to have paper ballot voting**

**'down to a science,' it would be wise and prudent to utilize paper ballots and hand counting as the primary voting and tabulating methods for all future elections.**

In closing, a growing number of jurisdictions have recently replaced electronic voting machines with paper ballots. Several of these include: Osage County, Missouri, (8) Shasta County, California, (9) Nye County, Nevada, (10) Cleburne County, Arkansas, (11) and Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska. (12)

To continue trusting vulnerable electronic voting machines and tabulators would be foolish.

Cc: Richland County Board of Commissioners  
Ohio Secretary of State

**List of lead clergymen representing eighty (80) local congregations, with members who are registered voters in Richland County, calling for the Richland County Board of Elections to utilize paper ballots as the primary voting method and hand counting for all future elections:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger, 1st Presbyterian Evangelical	Pastor J.C. Church, Victory in Truth Ministries
Pastor Les Farley, Lexington Irresistible Church	Pastor Russ Smith, Shiloh Wesley Evangelical
Pastor Mark Dettmer, Pleasant Grove Community	Pastor Denny Nezrick, Lexington Presbyterian
Pastor Doug Tackett, Taylortown Community	Rabbi Bob Bauer, Crestline Beit El Elyon
Pastor Dink Porter, Mansfield Open Bible Church	Pastor Brad Gentile, Shelby First Baptist
Pastor Jack Williams, Walker Lake Baptist	Pastor George Lewis, Shelby Temple of GOD
Pastor James Marshall, Ganges Community	Pastor Chad Hayes, Caeserea Baptist
Pastor Brian Phillips, New Beginnings Freewill	Pastor Mike Rose, Galion Hope on the Hill
Pastor Layton Broome, Hayesville United Methodist	Pastor Louis Blevins, Mansfield Latter Rain
Pastor Mark Meyer, Lexington GracePoint	Pastor Mark Wireman, Shiloh Pentecostal
Pastor Matt Pond, Shelby First Freewill Baptist	Pastor Steve Baldridge, Rome Community
Pastor Larry Hill, Bethel Freewill Baptist	Pastor LaMont Lindsay, Book of Life Fellowship
Rabbi William Hallbrook, Ontario Sar Shalom Ctr	Pastor Dan Baer, Mansfield Gospel Assembly
Pastor Russell Stanford, All Believers in Christ	Pastor Eric Byrom, Mansfield Grace Fellowship
Pastor Floyd Allen, Philippian Community Church	Bishop Sylvester Ginn, Hesed Agape
Pastor Emeritus Steve Schag, Calvary Baptist	Pastor William Cole, Recovery Church
Pastor Taylor Howard, Apostolic Holiness Church	Pastor Rick Sutter, Shelby Elm Street Freewill
Pastor Clint Zeigler, Sovereign Christ Church	Pastor Ben Gregg, Plymouth Church of GOD
Pastor Clyde Kerby, Hope & Healing Ministries	Pastor Dallas Waggle Lucas Foursquare
Pastor Bobby Edwards, Jesus is Alive Holiness	Pastor Rich Hurles, Plymouth LifePoint Church
Pastor Robert O'Brian, Mansfield Apostolic Faith	Pastor Dan Zediker, Mansfield Mission Point
Pastor David Howell, Powerhouse Worship Ctr	Pastor Clarence Sanderfer, New Life Baptist
Pastor John Bouquet, Savannah Bethel Chapel	Pastor Matt Merendino, Clear Fork Alliance
Pastor James Hill, Mansfield Paradise Church	Pastor Rick Wiseman, Promised Land
Pastor Kevin Evans, Liberty Lifesong Ministries	Pastor Nickolas Kelly, North Liberty Community
Pastor Glenn Phillips, Hillside Church of God	Pastor Jeff Mills, Mifflin Little Flock Fellowship
Pastor Bryan Schatzinger, Mansfield Calvary Chapel	Pastor John Campos, Bowman Church GOD
Pastor Hank Webb, Belmont Community Church	Pastor Hank Webb, Belmont 96 Church
Pastor Art Kennard, Maranatha Christian Ctr.	Pastor Patrick Bailey, Danville Church Brethren
Pastor Steve Burkhalter, Ontario Potter's House	Pastor Larry Whited, Abundant Grace
Pastor Patrick Bailey, North Bend Church Brethren	Pastor Dave Parsons, Zion's Refuge Baptist
Pastor Jason Price, Mansfield Victory Baptist	Elder James DeWeese, Providence Church
Pastor Paul Lintern, Oakland Lutheran Church	Pastor Paul Lintern, Southside Christian
Pastor Aaron Rose, Madison Fusion Church	Pastor David Mahon, Galion Apostolic Assembly
Pastor Bill Fox, Faith Community Church	Elder Derrell Hall, Mansfield Holiness Chapel
Pastor Ferlie Yates, Hanna Road Church of GOD	Pastor Jeremy Huff, Church of Jesus Christ

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Bishop Andy Keim, Amish Perry District 1	Bishop Anthony Cooper, Shelby Life Church
Pastor James Spencer, Mansfield People's Baptist	Pastor Rick Lewis, Shelby Connect Church
Pastor Christopher Spencer, Crestline Grace Baptist	Pastor Lucian Baker, Christ the King Church

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