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Arizona State Senate

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Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chair Hickman,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the latest update from the 56th Legislature, First Regular Session on necessary national security measures. A press release issued by the office of the United States Secretary of Homeland Security on January 17, 2017, clearly states the designation of election infrastructure. Election infrastructure is critical infrastructure. The obvious reason for this is because elections have a major impact on national security. It's vital that the State of Arizona complies with that inherent intent from the federal government and works to ensure a system of cybersecurity and oversight is established within every political subdivision. The passage of Senate Bill 1074 (SB 1074) would have fulfilled those requirements to protect critical infrastructure.

Unfortunately, the Governor chose to veto SB 1074. As a result, she's exposing our electronic voting systems, which are made with components from countries considered adversaries to the U.S., to attacks and putting Arizona as well as the rest of the nation in an extremely vulnerable and dangerous position.

Accordingly, with the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1037 (SCR 1037) by the Legislature and transmission to the Secretary of State on April 3, 2023, it is now incumbent upon the Legislature to exercise our plenary authority. Enshrined in Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, "times, places and manner" of conducting federal elections specifically conveys electronic voting systems (manner) are not mandated in statute to be used as a primary method for counting, tabulating or verification.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Regular Session, no electronic voting systems in the state of Arizona may be used as the primary method for conducting, counting, tabulating, or verifying federal elections, unless those systems meet the requirements set forth in SCR 1037.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonny Borrelli".

Senator Sonny Borrelli
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