

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Gary J. Palmer  
Chairman  
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
330 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Palmer:

We write to thank you for your leadership of the Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, and to ask that you strongly consider inviting vendors of election machines to testify before the subcommittee.

We were pleased to hear that the Subcommittees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Information Technology intend to hold a joint hearing on November 8, 2017 on the cybersecurity of voting machines. As vendors of these machines are likely to have the most in-depth knowledge of their strengths, vulnerabilities, and technological developments to harden the critical infrastructure of our elections, we respectfully request that the vendors be invited to testify. Their feedback would be invaluable to assessing any holes in security that may need to be addressed.

Faith in our nation's elections is essential to the continued trust of the American people in our democratic processes. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to working with you to address this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress