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To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Secrecy of Vote

As you may be aware, concerns have been raised regarding the possibility that the secrecy of a person's vote could be compromised under certain circumstances. It has been alleged that it may be possible to determine how a person voted by reviewing public documents and matching the time-stamped voter verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) with a list of voters containing the time each voter was given a ballot or a consecutive number indicating the order in which voters appeared at the precinct.

In order to remove any possibility of the secrecy of a person's vote being compromised, all Boards of Elections that use a voting system that prints the time of voting on the VVPAT are hereby directed to ensure pollworkers do not do any of the following:

- list the name of voters in order of appearance in the precinct polling location (i.e. pollbooks, etc.)
- enter the time the voter appeared at the precinct polling location (i.e. pollbooks, authority to vote slips, etc.), or
- assign consecutive numbers to the voters in a precinct polling location (i.e. pollbooks, authority to vote slips, etc).

For reconciliation purposes, a board may want to consider providing pollworkers with an alphabetical poll book the board has prepared in order to note the names of the voters appearing at the precinct which may then be compared against the number of voters signing the signature poll book or list.

If you have any questions concerning this directive, please contact the election attorney assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Brunner".

Jennifer Brunner