Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable William J. Ryan
Regional Director
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Region 3/Philadelphia

Dear Director Ryan:

As Members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, we write to request information regarding the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) preparations to support the security, resilience, and integrity of Pennsylvania's elections this November.

Election officials across the Commonwealth face an increasingly complex threat environment. Cyberattacks, ransomware, foreign influence operations, threats against election workers, physical security incidents, and the spread of false or misleading information can undermine public confidence in our democratic institutions even when election systems themselves remain secure.

CISA has an important role to play in helping state and local election officials prepare for and respond to these threats. We therefore request a clear accounting of the resources, personnel, technical assistance, and coordination mechanisms that CISA will provide to Pennsylvania election officials in advance of and during the November elections.

Specifically, we ask that you provide answers to the following questions:

1. What specific resources, personnel, technical assistance, training, and funding will CISA make available to Pennsylvania state and local election officials in advance of the November elections? Please identify any resources that are available on an emergency or surge basis if a jurisdiction experiences a significant incident.

2. How is CISA currently coordinating with the Pennsylvania Department of State, county election officials, and other relevant state and local partners? How frequently are these coordination efforts occurring, and what mechanisms are in place to ensure that information about emerging threats is shared quickly with election officials?

3. What capabilities and resources does CISA have available to help Pennsylvania election jurisdictions identify, mitigate, and respond to cybersecurity threats, including attacks targeting election-related networks and systems? Please describe the technical assistance,

threat intelligence, incident response support, and other resources CISA can provide before and during the November elections.

4. If a Pennsylvania county or other election jurisdiction experiences a significant cybersecurity incident immediately before or during an election, what assistance can CISA provide? What is the process for requesting that assistance, and how quickly can CISA deploy personnel or technical resources?
5. What steps is CISA taking to help Pennsylvania election officials prepare for foreign malign influence operations or coordinated efforts to undermine confidence in the election? How does CISA distinguish between legitimate political speech and malicious foreign activity, and how will relevant threat information be communicated to election officials?
6. How many Pennsylvania jurisdictions have participated in CISA cybersecurity assessments, vulnerability scanning, tabletop exercises, or other election-security programs? Are there jurisdictions that have requested assistance but have not yet received it?
7. What additional resources are available for smaller or less-resourced Pennsylvania counties that may lack dedicated cybersecurity personnel or the capacity to independently address sophisticated threats?
8. What will CISA's operational posture be on Election Day and during the subsequent certification period? Will there be a dedicated point of contact or operations center available to Pennsylvania officials for urgent election-security?
9. How is CISA coordinating with the FBI, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, state law enforcement, and other federal partners to ensure that Pennsylvania election officials receive a coordinated response to threats?
10. What steps is CISA taking to help election officials communicate effectively with the public when security incidents occur, particularly where an incident could generate confusion or undermine confidence in the accuracy or legitimacy of election results?
11. Based on CISA's current assessment, what are the most significant election-security vulnerabilities or resource gaps facing Pennsylvania ahead of November, and what additional federal support would be most useful in addressing them?

We recognize that Pennsylvania's elections are administered by state and local officials, and we respect the Commonwealth's authority and responsibility to conduct its elections. Our objective is to ensure that those officials have access to every appropriate federal resource available to protect Pennsylvania voters, election workers, and election infrastructure.

We would appreciate a written response to these questions and a briefing with your office and relevant CISA personnel prior to the November elections. Given the importance of this issue and the rapidly approaching election, we respectfully request that you provide your response by **September 25th.** If appropriate, please include a classified annex to the responses.

The security of our elections is fundamental to public confidence in our democracy. We look forward to working with CISA and Pennsylvania election officials to ensure that they have the resources, information, and support necessary to conduct safe, secure, and resilient elections this November.

Sincerely,

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