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Washington County Auditors
Of all 39 Counties in WA State

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Secretary Wyman and Washington County Auditors:

As you're aware, there are many people across our state who are very concerned about the integrity of our Washington election processes and the outcome of those processes in the November 2020 election. Washington state has been using election processes for years, which were determined during the last election, to be practices ripe for fraud when other states (PA, GA, etc.) tried to implement them – mail-in voting, early voting, counting ballots after the election date, ballot harvesting, same day voter registration, etc. Clearly there are many questions and issues to be addressed regarding our November 2020 elections.

I am writing to request and demand that a forensic image of any and every election system in each county, especially any used in the November 2020 election, be properly captured before any upgrade (software, hardware, etc.) is done. A backup is not the same as a forensic image. Capturing a forensic image of these systems will work to help ensure the integrity of the system before and after the upgrade. It will also provide the proper information needed in the case of a forensic audit.

If you have, or have not, already captured a forensic image of your election systems before making any upgrades following the November 2020 election, please let me know this. I am also requesting you respond to me to advise of

your forensic imaging process and retention policy for digital and paper election records. You are welcome to respond to the entire Legislature as well, whom I have copied on the electronic delivery of this letter.

[Federal Code Title 52 USC 20701](#) requires all records and papers related to an election be retained and preserved for a period of twenty-two months. This requires all digital records and data as well. Taking a forensic image of all election systems before any upgrade is completed will help ensure the optimum integrity of these records.

This is not a partisan issue. We all have the duty of providing the highest level of integrity, transparency and accountability when executing the duties of our office. As the election officials for our state, you have a critical role and responsibility in ensuring all properly registered Washington voters can have confidence their vote and voice was accurately counted. Your help with this request will work to achieve that essential outcome.

Thank you in advance, for your assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Kraft".

Representative Vicki Kraft

17th Legislative District