

An Open Letter to the South Dakota Freedom Caucus

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To the Freedom Caucus of South Dakota,

We the People for Fair Elections in South Dakota do call upon the newly formed Freedom Caucus of South Dakota, to prioritize secure and transparent elections above all other issues and concerns.

We the People believe freedom stems from our sacred right to vote for our elected representatives and officials, given to us by Almighty God, who is foundation of our great nation. Many brave American men and women have bled and died to protect and preserve our Constitutional Republic. Our free Republic is based on leaders chosen by the people. Each vote must be protected and secured to ensure our faith in the democratic process.

Public trust in the election process is produced through transparency and communication from the state and local offices charged with this duty. To our great dismay, there is neither transparency, nor open communication in the South Dakota state and county offices charged with election administration and security.

The exhaustive research and work of We the People for Fair Elections in South Dakota has proven that South Dakota elections are controlled by a third-party for-profit private company who is now directing the state and county officials to hide all of the election data and audit trail; which provides transparency and verification in the counting of the vote. Our State's Attorneys and Secretary of State quote what ES&S (Elections Systems and Software, Inc.) deems publicly available information. They have not researched the law; rather quoted what ES&S considers to be trade secrets. Make no mistake, Trade Secrets have NO place in free, fair, transparent, and secure elections. Our elections must be *of the people, for the people, and by the people*.

If we have no post-election audit system, no hand count, and no audit trail from the ES&S tabulating machines, we DO NOT have transparent elections. No one in the State of South Dakota has seen the source code used to program the vote tabulating machines. No one has verified the count, no one has proven our elections are secure. In fact, through email exchange with ES&S, our Secretary of State knew the machines were hackable in October of 2020, yet did nothing to stop their use.

We the People for Fair Elections have proven by independent web security scan that the Secretary of State and many of our counties do not maintain secure websites. However, our voter roll database is hosted on these vulnerable websites. We provided

this information to the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, yet we received no communication from them and they blocked this company from performing future security scans.

How about that for trust and transparency?

Our great country is under attack from Marxists in every aspect in society. And the election system is their prime target. Let's stop pretending like our elections are secure and take action to protect them like we do to protect our children, life, education, against mandates, and over-taxation.

We the People call on you, the Freedom Caucus of South Dakota, to stand with South Dakota voters, hear our cry for change in our election system, and to act immediately to rectify the situation. The list of grievances against the state and counties is long. We the People fully intend to use any and all resources prescribed by law to hold those in power accountable.

Freedom starts with free, fair, secure, and transparent elections. This must be the utmost priority; without fair elections, nothing else matters. The only way to defend the republic is to restore election integrity immediately. South Dakota is failing on all fronts.

Under God the People Rule,

We the People for Fair Elections in South Dakota