



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

January 30, 2020

Nikki Charlson, Esq.
Deputy State Administrator of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Deputy Administrator Charlson:

This letter is to follow up on the January 16, 2020, request of State Board of Elections member P.J. Hogan for a list of specific technical concerns about the electronic pollbook network that is intended for use on Election Day for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election on April 28, 2020.

As was discussed in that meeting, a technical briefing was to be conducted on Thursday, January 23, 2020, to address concerns voiced by elected officials from Montgomery County. At the end of the meeting, there remained open issues with specific materials to be provided to us. As of yet, we have not received any information.

Specifically, we requested copies of the following:

- Results of a recent third-party information security risk assessment of Cradlepoint's NetCloud site, preferably as a SOC 2 or a FedRAMP certification;
- Results of a third-party information security risk assessment of the State's implementation of the proposed technology, preferably following the NIST Risk Management Framework;
- Confirmation that the State's contract with Verizon includes language on breach notification that would apply to the subcontractor, namely Cradlepoint; and
- Specific instructions for incident reporting and breach mitigation in the event that anomalies are discovered or suspected in the data that appears in electronic pollbooks at polling places during voting hours on Election Day.

We respectfully request that this information be provided to us by February 7, 2020, so that we can provide a response to State Board of Elections member Hogan.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Keith Young in black ink.

Keith Young, Enterprise Information Security Official
Department of Technology Services
Montgomery County, Maryland

Handwritten signature of Janet A. Ross in black ink.

Janet Ross, Information Technology Manager
Board of Elections
Montgomery County, Maryland