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Commissioner Brodehl and Debbie,

Montana law requires every voting system to be approved and certified by the State to ensure any voting system used in our elections will protect the integrity of our elections. Before being certified in Montana, all currently approved voting systems had already received federal accreditation and testing by the Election Assistance Commission. To be clear, in Montana, a system will not be approved, certified, or maintain prior authorization/certification if it is unprotected from fraudulent tampering in any form. Montana has not certified modeming, cellular, or networking capabilities for any voting system in this state.

Montana counties are prohibited from purchasing equipment that is not certified by the State. Counties in other states may very well use election equipment that is prohibited from use in Montana. A few states may have authorized installation of a separate board containing modem components and modem operations for use in their elections. However, modem components are not resident on the DS 200 certified by Montana and are not permitted for use in Montana elections.

Moreover, election officials are strictly required to follow the operational procedures set forth by law, rules, or guidance set forth by the Secretary of State. The set up and operational use of Montana voting systems have a precise process that must be followed. That process DOES NOT include connection of the voting device to the internet.



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