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Jerome,

I just wanted to reiterate a few things that were discussed on the 3/31 RLA meeting.

My comment made that Douglas County would be able to conduct a ballot polling audit in the timeline that was suggested was due to my not knowing that a ballot polling audit would require the audit of several hundred to several thousand ballots. I was unaware of this issue that could be facing a county conducting an RLA who does not have CVRs with ballot polling methods. However, in line with my submitted comments, none of the other methods would be applicable to our voting system and would not be technically possible or (in other types of RLA) feasible in the extremely tight deadlines surrounding final cures, manifest submission, RLA completion, and Canvass.

I appreciate the comments that were made in defense of the extreme time and manpower that is required to conduct such an audit. If we were required to conduct a ballot polling RLA and had to pull 1000+ ballots, it would make it nearly impossible to complete the audit in time. This point can not be reiterated more. Those who have worked in and around elections know that there are so many other moving pieces and the amount of work that would have to go in to this type of audit, on top of everything else surrounding the end of the election, would be extremely difficult to accomplish.

Other comments that were made, in regards to a ballot polling RLA in that it doesn't do a check on the voting system should be highly considered. If the rest of the state is conducting an audit on their voting system, and several counties are not, I believe it can create confusion. In our current post-election audit, batches of ballots are scanned in to the system and read in a way that mirrors the basic ideas of a batch comparison audit's check on the voting system. Ballot polling uses a highly complex mathematical method of looking at votes on a ballot to determine if the outcome is correct - with no check on the voting system.

Thank you, and I hope that there will be considerations made surrounding these issues with the non-CVR counties.

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