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Subject: Response to your statements regarding the 2/9 Working Session

Ms. Gardner,

Let me first begin by thanking the Utah County commissioners for allowing me to speak, and to share the results of my continuing research into the 2020 General Election. It is always an honor to speak before the people who have been entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the rights and safety of Americans under their purview.

I have seen many of the comments you have made since the meeting, and I would like to take the opportunity to clarify some of the points which you have brought up. I am glad that you and others involved in Utah County elections have seen fit to begin supplying information about the election, and I regret that it took a confrontational effort to cause this. However, there are numerous misstatements which I would like to clear up for the record.

1. Communication with County Clerk Josh Daniels

I did not have time to speak with Mr. Daniels before the working session, however I spoke with him for at least a half hour afterwards. We exchanged contact information and have corresponded.

2. Excessive HAVV registration lookups and non-matches

You stated that there are 80,000 college students in Utah, and that they change addresses so often that the address on their driver's licenses do not match their current address, and that this explained the HAVV failures.

However, the HAVV lookup does not include an address - just the name, birthdate, and last four digits of the Social Security Number. Unless college students are often changing their name, their birthdate, or their Social Security Numbers, this is not a valid explanation for this anomaly.

The information on the specific HAVV checks done prior to the 2020 Election should be available both from the entities in Utah performing the checks and the Social Security Administration itself. I recommend that an investigation be made of the requesting individuals and the non-matches to determine how many of the 20,126 registrants and especially the 3,356 whose information did not match were attempting to register to vote illegally, or if they were permitted to register despite the failure.

3. Edison/New York Times reporting of Utah election night data

You stated that my findings here were not relevant because Utah County has its own system of election night reporting. However, all counties do report their vote updates to the state, and those are sent to Edison/NYT, so your statement is a distinction which makes no difference.

Record of the vote subtractions in Utah County, as well as the large reclassification of in-person to absentee, exists, and if (as is very possible) the County or State is not responsible for these updates, I recommend that

the process by which these updates are made be thoroughly investigated to determine how these reports happened.

Election night reporting, while by its very nature “unofficial”, nevertheless has an impact on the calling of races for candidates as well as having a psychological effect in voters in other time zones who often see these reports before they themselves vote.

#### 4. Comparison of Gubernatorial race to Presidential race

It is of course *possible* that Governor Cox received over 53,000 votes more than President Trump in the 2020 election. You yourself identified one of them in the working session. (As I understand and honor the sacred concept of the anonymous ballot, I hope that the individual you cited gave their permission to publicly disclose their vote!). However, given national trends, this is unlikely.

I always hesitate to compare election results between states because the very reason that we have 50 states is that each state has its own particular “nuances” as far as its citizens and the issues important to them are concerned. However, in this case I feel that some comparisons are warranted, at least as important points in the overall picture.

In Montana, another decidedly Republican state, President Trump received 15,000 *more* votes than Governor Gianforte in the 2020 General Election. In Indiana, also a very Republican state, President Trump received over 22,000 *more* votes than Governor Holcombe.

In fact, of the six states which Trump won in 2020 *and* held Gubernatorial races in 2020 *and* whose name is not Utah, The President outperformed the Governor by an average of over 42,000 votes, or about 3.4% more. In Utah, Governor Cox received 53,614 more votes than President Trump, which is 6% more. Surely any reasonable person seeing these facts would raise an eyebrow at this significant difference.

Most of the observations I have made are really questions that either can or cannot be answered to the satisfaction of Utah voters. I hope that you take this opportunity to fully and completely provide those answers.

To close, I recognize and appreciate the steps you have taken to help clean up the managing of elections since 2018. You are understandably proud of the work you have done, and the work of the people under you. I ask that you not let that pride blind you to the evidence that significant fraud was nonetheless committed in Utah in the 2020 election. That it may have occurred without the knowledge of you or those under your command is a concept which you must consider, and you must act accordingly in the interests of your county, your state, and your nation.

I will add one note about the highly emotional nature of the controversy in which we find ourselves. You yourself must take some responsibility for this, as your statements both before and after the election alienated much of your constituency and eroded their trust in your willingness to look beyond your own understandable pride in your work and your personal political feelings. You were very open with your criticism of President Trump when he raised concerns about universal Mail-in voting that, according to the hard work of many data researchers, turns out to have been prophetic. In August 2020 you are quoted as saying, "Anytime you undermine people's confidence in election results without fact-based data, you're actually undermining the integrity of our elections". This is, in my mind, akin to saying that reporting that you saw a robber slip out the back door of a bank is somehow inappropriate because it undermines the people's confidence in the bank.

You and many others in your position around the country have been gifted the opportunity to be a hero by helping expose the fraud in your state, and by doing so prevent it from ever happening again. Anything else is being an accessory after the fact, even if unwittingly.

I hope and pray on behalf of the great citizens of your county, your state, and your country that you decide to choose truth, transparency, and trust over pride, hate, and fear. Freedom is worth fighting for and is worth any personal risk or sacrifice to protect.

Respectfully,

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