



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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Secretary Laurel Lee
Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

Recently, I was informed by federal officials that the elections systems in two Florida counties were breached during the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Although the breaches did not compromise the outcome of the election, they highlight the importance of protecting the security of our elections systems.

Accordingly, I direct the Department of State to immediately initiate a review of the security, particularly the cybersecurity, of our state's elections systems and the elections systems of Florida's 67 counties. The Department shall develop a plan to identify and address any vulnerabilities. You are further directed to make this a top priority of the Department, and report your findings to the Executive Office of the Governor upon completion of your review.

Public faith in our elections is the bedrock of our democracy and we must do everything within our power to preserve the integrity of our elections systems. This administration will continue to prioritize the security of our elections and the protection of voter information. Thank you for your diligence in these efforts.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor