



May 16, 2018

Ms. Kathy E. Van Wolfe, CERA
Elections Administrator
McLennan County
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Ms. Van Wolfe,

Sentinel Cyber Intelligence, LLC (“Sentinel”) has completed a cybersecurity review (assessment) of the McLennan County Elections Department (Department) voting technology and related processes. The purpose of this memo is to communicate the results of the assessment.

The assessment sought to provide assurance to the Department that controls are in place to prevent and detect any activity that could result in manipulation of votes cast in an election. Specifically, I reviewed the technology underlying the Department’s election operations to determine if the technology was vulnerable to material and consequential tampering.

To form my opinion, I interviewed select Department officials and staff, documented processes related to preparation, set-up and retrieval of voting equipment, observed the tallying and posting of election results, and gained an understanding of the technology used by the constituents of McLennan County to cast votes.

Based on the work performed, I believe the Department has a robust control structure in place that would prevent and/or detect any attempt at election manipulation. Furthermore, I believe the technology components have adequate safeguards such that material and consequential manipulation of votes could not occur. Finally, I observed that officials, staff and volunteers demonstrated diligence and professionalism in carrying out of their respective duties.

As a result, I have no recommendations to improve the security of the voting technology or related processes utilized in McLennan County elections.

I appreciate the cooperation received from you and your staff during the performance of this assessment.

Sincerely,

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