If we can't verify that voting machines are safe, we can't trust them!

Despite assurances by the Secretary of State that Ohio sets the "gold" standard for secure elections, many voters do not trust the voting machines because the Secretary of State has refused to adequately respond to citizen's requests to verify that the elections are secure, and voters cannot verify their vote is accurately recorded.

- **The Secretary says voting machines are secure but** refused to have the machines examined by independent experts for security flaws found in machines in other states that were like machines used in Ohio.

- **The Secretary says voting machines are "air-gapped" from the internet** meaning they are physically isolated from the internet, and says they are tested by independent test laboratories for wireless modems that would allow them to be connected but refuses to provide the test results to prove whether they have modems because they are classified as state "secret."

- **The Secretary says that voting machines are tested and certified** but doesn't say that the source code or software that runs the machines is proprietary and these tests and certifications do not test for malicious software that can manipulate votes. Independent teams of cybersecurity experts in other states have performed extensive forensic examinations of federally certified voting machines and found evidence of illegal software that manipulated votes.

- **Voters cannot verify that the way they voted is the way the vote is recorded**. In a typical. election, voters either make their selections by using a touchscreen device or by manually filling out a paper ballot with a pen. In the case of the touchscreen device, the voter can verify their selection by viewing a human-readable format printed on a paper roll or on a ballot but cannot verify their selection once it has been converted into a barcode or quick-reaction (QR) code that is then read by the machine. In the case of the paper ballot, the voter obviously can verify the selection made on their own ballot but can't verify that the machine has not altered the vote through software in the optical scanner that converts the ballot choices into machine language that is used to record the vote.

- **The Secretary says that post-election audits are 99.9% accurate and prove that the voting machines can be trusted** but refused to allow volunteers in a small rural county to hand-count 100% of the ballots to verify the accuracy of the machines after the 2024 presidential election was certified?

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