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Robert H. Brink, Chairman
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Virginia Department of Elections
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Mr. Brink, Mr. O'Bannon and Ms. LeCruise:

I am writing to you with respect to the meeting of the State Board of Elections now scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020, at 1:00 pm. On the agenda for that meeting is the certification of the election results from the November 3, 2020 general election. I write to request that you postpone certification.

The Governor and the Democrats in the General Assembly changed the rules for this election at the last minute - using COVID-19 as an excuse. Dramatically changing election law was not the purpose of the recently concluded special session, yet the poorly disguised emergency legislation changing election rules that passed with a bare majority was their very first action in that session.

Over 64 percent of all votes were reported in just 5 percent of precincts - the central absentee precincts in each jurisdiction. And those central absentee precincts results weren't broken down by the different types of early votes - in person, by mail, or at the much-maligned drop-off locations.

Election night reporting was nothing less than chaotic and has led many Virginia's to distrust the results - and with good reason.

Because of this aggregation of votes in the Central Absentee Precincts, we can not even discern whether a particular precinct may have had more than 100 percent of its registered voters cast ballots.

The Virginia Code allows the Board additional time if the results cannot be certified today. Virginia Code 24.2-679. The results cannot be certified under these circumstances, and they should not be so certified until they can be properly verified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard L. Anderson
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