

Good afternoon Senators. My name is Stewart Ulsh. I am the Chairman of the Fulton County Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Elections. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify before your Committee.

Prior to the 2020 General Election, the Board of Elections received numerous guidance and other directives from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kathy Boockvar, including the night before the election.

Our Board, along with all of our election employees, works very hard to understand and follow with the information and guidance received from Secretary Boockvar. I personally had numerous conversations with her before, during and after November's General Election.

Our Board of Elections has the power under Pennsylvania law to investigate and safeguard our own elections in Fulton County. In December of last year, we decided to authorize WAKE TSI to review our handling of the election and to provide us with a report. After WAKE TSI conducted its investigation of the election, Fulton County posted a copy of WAKE's report on the County's website. At that point, we were asked to provide the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Veronica Degraffenreid, with a letter explaining what was done during our investigation. We provided the letter as requested by the Acting Secretary. Shortly thereafter, we were notified by the Acting Secretary that both of Fulton County's Dominion election machines had been decertified.

With no other option available, Fulton County has been forced to initiate litigation against the Acting Secretary challenging her decision to decertify Fulton County's election machines. Our case against the Acting Secretary is currently pending in the Commonwealth Court. I have been asked by our legal counsel to refrain from answering questions regarding the litigation at this time so I will not be answering any such questions. But I am here today to speak to the effects of the Guidance, often confusing and sometimes contradictory, on our election in 2020.