



## OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD

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### LETTER FROM STATE ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY PAUL ZIRIAX

To the Honorable Members of the Oklahoma Senate and Oklahoma House of Representatives,

In recent weeks some of you have reached out to me after hearing from constituents regarding allegations made at a "Cyber Symposium" held in South Dakota in August, hosted by MyPillow® CEO Mike Lindell. A series of incredible claims were made at the "Cyber Symposium" regarding elections in Oklahoma and elsewhere – including that Oklahoma's November 2020 Presidential General Election results in all 77 counties were electronically manipulated by cyber intruders. Data purporting to show evidence of the alleged cyber manipulation of our election results have now been published on Mr. Lindell's "The Big Lie" website<sup>1</sup>.

Upon an initial review the data posted on the website did not appear to be credible, but we nevertheless felt it was our duty to fully investigate it in order to protect the integrity and reputation of Oklahoma's election system. Therefore, I requested an independent investigation by OMES's Oklahoma Cyber Command, as well as a thorough internal review by the State Election Board's staff and vendors.

I am pleased to report to you that following Cyber Command's independent investigation and our own internal review, **the allegations posted on the website are entirely without merit.**

#### INTERNAL AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND FINDINGS

A table on the website<sup>2</sup> purports to show the following:

- The date and time of each alleged cyber intrusion.
- The "source IP" address of each alleged cyber intrusion, and its location.
- The "target IP" address of each site that was allegedly penetrated, and its location.
- A comparison of election results: The certified results (labeled "The Big Lie") and the purported actual results (labeled "The Truth").

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Oklahoma's Chief Information Security Officer Matt Singleton's report to me on Oklahoma Cyber Command's official findings. In this report, Mr. Singleton notes, **"There is not now, nor has there been, any credible evidence of a cyber incident or event that could have interfered with the State of Oklahoma's 2020 General Election."** Mr. Singleton also discusses the numerous safeguards that were in place to protect against cyber intrusions like those alleged on "The Big Lie" website.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://thebiglie.frankspeech.com/OKLAHOMA/index.html>, ©Michael J. Lindell, 2021

<sup>2</sup> <https://thebiglie.frankspeech.com/OKLAHOMA/index.html>, ©Michael J. Lindell, 2021

Here are some examples of the State of Oklahoma's findings that debunk the website's allegations and data:

- *None of the IP addresses that were purported to be "targeted" by hackers belong to the State Election Board, nor any county election board, nor any Oklahoma election system.*
- *Many dates and times of alleged "cyber intrusions" are **after** the final election results were already certified by county election boards in Oklahoma.*
- *The latitude and longitude data do not appear to have any actual relationship to the physical locations of the IP addresses that were supposedly targeted.*

**Both the internal review by the State Election Board and the independent investigation by Oklahoma Cyber Command have confirmed that there is absolutely no merit to the website's allegations that Oklahoma's election results were electronically manipulated.**

Additionally, Oklahoma is not the only state to debunk the website's allegations. For example, here is a recent news release from the Idaho Secretary of State:  
<https://sos.idaho.gov/2021/09/29/election-validation>.

### CONCLUSION

As I mentioned in my August 13 letter to you<sup>3</sup>, no one cares more about the security and integrity of our state's elections than me. Credible allegations of violations of Oklahoma election law are always reported to district attorneys for investigation. A cyber breach or incident – if one were to occur – would always be thoroughly and independently investigated. State law also authorizes candidates to challenge election results by requesting a recount or alleging irregularities.

Unfortunately, several Oklahomans have seen or read misinformation like that provided at the "Cyber Symposium" and on "The Big Lie" website and have demanded a so-called "forensic audit" of Oklahoma's 2020 General Election – something that is neither justified by the evidence nor authorized under the laws enacted by the Legislature. Feel free to share this letter with any constituents who may contact you regarding these allegations so they can know the facts.

**The people of Oklahoma can rest assured that our state has one of the most accurate and secure voting systems in the entire world. The true and correct results of Oklahoma's 2020 elections are those results that were certified by Oklahoma election officials<sup>4</sup>.**

Sincerely,



Paul Ziriak  
Secretary, Oklahoma State Election Board

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<sup>3</sup> Ziriak letter to state legislators, 08/13/2021: <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/security-integrity/letter-from-the-secretary.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/elections-results/election-results/2020-election-results.html>