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## **Oversight Report Full of Oversights**

Today, the MI Senate Oversight Committee released its long-promised <u>report</u> on the 2020 November election in Michigan. The report is simply the latest example of elected officials saying "talk to the hand" to everyday Americans. All we are asking for is a forensic audit of the election. In support of this request, I have personally shared hundreds of affidavits attesting to election fraud...often at significant personal risk to my fellow affiants.

In response, our elected officials have threatened us with a criminal investigation by the attorney general. That is how a banana republic operates not our constitutional republic. In a constitutional republic, we have a right to free speech. We have a right to freedom of assembly. We have a right to freedom of the press. We have a right to seek redress of our grievances. Under the Michigan Constitution, we also have a right to an audit.

The Senate report is filled with assertions as to how elections are supposed to be conducted not how the 2020 November election was actually conducted. This discrepancy is at the heart of why approximately 10,000 citizens submitted notarized affidavits demanding that the Michigan legislature honor their constitutional right to an audit of the election. Michigan election officials have repeatedly claimed that election audits were conducted, but any objective observer of such "audits" would be hard pressed not to conclude that they were simply "recounts" and, in many cases, not even a recount. In fact, the report itself seems to bounce arbitrarily between the term "recount" and "audit" yet it refers to affiants of election fraud as "confused". Notably, however, it did refer to the December 17, 2020 ballot recount activity as a "hand recount" not an audit as asserted by Judge Kevin Elsenheimer (who acknowledged there was potential corruption of election data) in justification of his approval of a motion to dismiss the Antrim County election lawsuit. This lawsuit is now under appeal by Attorney Matt DePerno on behalf of his client Bill Bailey in large part due to this discrepancy between a "recount" and a real "audit".

The report consistently repeats the flawed assertion that the integrity of the election can be demonstrated simply by running ballots through the tabulator. Using their logic, if the tabulation yields the same results as the tape printouts from election day, then all is good. No wonder they equate recounting ballots with an audit. Anyone who understands how elections are conducted, however, knows that the integrity of any election is dependent upon much, much more than a successful tabulation of the ballots at hand. In order to demonstrate the integrity of an election, it is critical that the chain of custody for election materials is maintained. That is why it is a federal felony to destroy election records within 22 months of an election. Yet, the report asserts that insisting that election officials demonstrate that the chain of custody has been secured is "incredibly misleading, demeaning, and irresponsible." I would assert that the exact opposite of this is true. Fraudulent voters in the Qualified Voter File result in fraudulent voters in Poll Books. Fraudulent voters in Poll Books results in fraudulent ballots being issued. Fraudulent ballots being issued results in fraudulent election results. Not a difficult concept to grasp for most reasonable observers. Demonstration of the integrity of the chain of custody is an important factor in the call by citizens for a forensic audit. The report's dismissal of the importance of the chain of custody demonstrates why the pursuit of a forensic audit has been

dismissed by members of the Michigan Senate. Their failure to understand the importance of the chain of custody is a serious issue.

Thankfully, there are elected officials in other states who have not been so tone deaf as the legislators in Michigan. In addition to the audit underway in Arizona, elected officials in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are now giving serious consideration to election audits.

The fact of the matter is that it is thousands of everyday citizens such as myself putting our professional lives on hold who are doing the job that we taxpayers pay elected officials such as those serving on the MI Senate Oversight Committee to do. So, while the Michigan Senate lobs their shoddy election report out to the public before they disappear for a few months on summer break, I and thousands of my fellow "meddling kids" will continue our investigations into election fraud and pursue our call for a forensic audit of the 2020 election. You can see this evidence for yourself at <a href="LetsFixStuff.org">LetsFixStuff.org</a>. Please note that this evidence is NOT unsubstantiated nor is it debunked. It simply needs to be investigated. A forensic audit would accomplish that. If they prefer a criminal investigation by the Attorney General, however, bring it. The discovery phase of any subsequent trial would alone be well worth any further disruption to my life. That's one way to get a forensic audit.

Just to be clear. My pursuit of election integrity is not about changing the election results although I do believe there are substantive grounds for doing so. This is about securing the integrity of future elections not just 2020. In support of my claim, please note that I was a vocal critic of the 2016 election integrity in which President Trump was certified as the victor in Michigan. I called for an investigation by the Michigan Secretary of State and Attorney General. As a result, then Secretary of State Ruth Johnson launched an investigation that identified 31 counts of voter fraud despite 34 jurisdictions refusing to comply with the information requested. There were ZERO prosecutions by Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette. We have evidence that 15 state election laws and 3 federal laws were violated during the 2020 election cycle, yet the MI Senate Oversight Committee report neglects to call for criminal investigation into these violations of the law. The report calls only for investigation into poorly constructed drop boxes and into people such as myself who provide evidence of election fraud.

The MI Senate Oversight Committee Election Report provides many Americans with a window into why so many of our elected officials are held in such low esteem. The Committee Members' blatant disregard for the sworn testimony of poll challengers and technical experts indicates supreme arrogance, fear of repercussions, supreme ignorance or a combination of each. Furthermore, their utter disregard for our constitutional right to an audit is a clear violation of their oaths of office. Despite these observations, it is not too late for them to make amends. The clock is ticking, though. On September 3, 2022, the last vestiges of election records from the November 3, 2020 will disappear forever. The MI Senate can correct their oversights to date, follow the lead of other elected officials across the country and commence a professional, substantive, forensic audit of the 2020 general election NOW!