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Subject: xSteel xTony STRS Material

Hi Steel and Tony -

Thanks for your patience. Please find [HERE](#) and pasted below three draft items:

- A draft general STRS. This is designed as a master version that can be used on the Dominion website and as the basis for a statement from them AND outreach to reporters about story corrections. The italicized examples are for our reference but in many cases I think the links will be helpful to include.
- Draft bullet points for Steel's use, aligned with what's in the STRS.
- Two options for a pinned tweet from the Dominion account, which would link to the STRS on their site.

Happy to discuss feedback tonight - let us know what's most helpful and if you want to hop on the phone.

Stephanie

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[DRAFT] General STRS

(To be used for a new Dominion website page and as the basis for e-mail outreach to reporters about story corrections)

This year, more than ever, confidence and faith in the American election process is of utmost importance. Misinformation and disinformation campaigns that seek to undermine that trust threaten the core of our democracy. Dominion Voting Systems' top priority is supporting public confidence in elections by providing the most modern, accessible, and security-focused system on the market today. Over the last week, we have seen a number of factually inaccurate claims made about our system and the 2020 election. It is essential that these inaccurate claims don't get in the way of the facts. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- 1. Dominion Voting Systems' machines produce accurate vote counts and maintain paper ballots for every vote cast.** Across the country, our machines are accurately counting ballots and producing accurate read-outs for recounts.
 - a. EXAMPLE: According to the Michigan Secretary of State, the correct results always were and continue to be reflected on the tabulator totals tape and on the ballots themselves. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency also reaffirms that the vast majority of votes cast in this election were cast on paper ballots or using machines that produce a paper audit trail, as Dominion Voting Systems machines do.*
- 2. The system and process is designed to swiftly detect and correct user error.** This happens rarely, but when user error does occur, as it did in limited instances this election, it is caught and corrected quickly. User error did not impact any final vote counts in this election.
 - a. EXAMPLE: According to the Detroit Free Press, a University of Michigan professor and voting systems expert looked into the Antrim County, Michigan incident and found that there was no problem with the voting machines or vote totals. Human error resulted in a temporary*

miscalculation in unofficial results, but the issue was quickly remedied. This was confirmed by the New York Times.

3. **No final vote counts were impacted by software issues.** Limited instances of software issues affected the voter check-in process and timeline for reporting results in a small number of places, but did not impact any final vote counts.
 - . *EXAMPLE: The New York Times confirmed that reviews from the Michigan Department of State, county clerks, and election security experts found that issues with unofficial vote counts were caused by human error, not software issues. Local officials caught and fixed the error. In Georgia, issues only affected how poll workers checked in voters in two counties and delayed reporting of results in another—but these issues did not affect the vote counts.*
4. **State and county election officials have sole control over any updates to voting equipment.** Dominion Voting Systems does not have physical access to any voting equipment nor the authorization required to make unilateral updates to the equipment once it is delivered to election officials. Only state and county election officials can actively connect the devices to the internet and initiate an update.
 - . *Confirmed by Dominion Voting Systems; no external reporting found*
5. **States have robust safeguards in place to ensure the accuracy of official election results and prevent anyone from tampering with vote counts.** Safeguards—from testing and certification of voting systems, to canvassing and auditing—prevent malicious actors from tampering with vote counts. Everyone, with no exceptions, is subject to these safeguards.
 - . *EXAMPLE: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency confirmed that the systems and processes used by state election officials to tabulate votes and certify official results are protected by various safeguards, including canvassing, auditing, certification of voting systems, and software checks. The Georgia Secretary of State's office has publicly affirmed that there are no widespread issues.*
6. **Every vote is counted regardless of the type of pen used to mark the ballot.** Election officials provide writing instruments that are approved for marking ballots to all in-person voters using hand-marked paper ballots. Dominion Voting Systems machines can read these instruments, including Sharpies. In limited instances where ballots cannot be read, states will count these ballots by hand, guaranteeing that they are properly processed.
 - . *EXAMPLE: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency confirmed that if a ballot has issues that impact its ability to be scanned, it can be hand counted. A Reuters fact check found that Sharpies are safe and reliable to use on ballots. Officials in Arizona reaffirmed that the state has a clear protocol to resolve any "bleed-through" issues that might arise with writing utensils like Sharpie pens. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and Dominion has stated that Sharpie pens are safe and reliable to use on ballots.*

[Draft] Bullets For Steel

(to be used in full or in part as appropriate on social media and in exchanges with media or third parties)

- Dominion's voting systems are the most modern, accessible, and security-focused system on the market today. Across the country, Dominion's systems are accurately counting ballots and producing accurate read-outs for recounts.
- We know this because dedicated election authorities have affirmed the accuracy and reliability of election results and ongoing counts. Dominion also reports there were no errors in reported counts due to any technical or user errors.

- User error is rare, but when it happens, Dominion has processes in place to swiftly detect and correct it. In this election, reported user error in Antrim County, Georgia which was quickly identified and resolved within hours. Dominion's system also maintains paper ballots for every vote cast as a fail safe.
- It is shameful that the president and his allies are ruthlessly exploiting incomplete and inaccurate information about these voting systems in an attempt to sow doubt about the 2020 election results.
- This behavior is dangerous and threatens the core of American democracy.

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With the most modern, accessible, and security-focused system on the market today, Dominion Voting Systems is helping to safeguard our elections and protect democracy. Get the facts on our systems here: [LINK] #2020Election

Electoral misinformation threatens our democracy. Get the facts on how Dominion is safeguarding the #2020elections here: [LINK]

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