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Dear Ms. Seiler:

In an effort to perform duty as citizens to provide oversight to our elections, we will be making a single request this year to minimize our impact on your time and your staff's time. By approaching you early, we hope you will be able to support our request without any difficulty, and provide a limited third party review to further assure the public that their votes have been counted correctly.

We understand that the one-percent hand tally is performed on a subset of the votes counted prior to the finalization of the election, somewhat of a preliminary "snapshot" of the votes in those precincts. This is understood and not a problem for our oversight processing.

Our request is for a complete snapshot (on CD or other media) of the election (all precincts and types of votes) prior to the "random" selection of precincts for the one-percent manual tally, with an understanding that the snapshot is not finalized, but that the snapshot is "at the same point" for all precincts and be directly comparable to the results of the one-percent manual tally.

It is essential for our oversight that we receive this snapshot prior to the selection of the precincts for the one-percent manual tally, and no further processing, or "fix-up" of the selected precincts is required to allow them to be compared with the snapshot. Thus, at the end of the one-percent manual tally, we should be able to compare the totals of the snapshot for those precincts with the results of the tally, and they should compare exactly, or nearly so.

We thank you very kindly for your help so we can perform our duty while staying out of your way. Please contact me immediately if there is any difficulty in meeting our needs for providing our oversight of your election processing.

Sincerely,

Raymond Lutz
National Coordinator, Citizens' Oversight Projects