

Democracy Under Threat:

A Spotlight on 204 Officials Who
Could Undermine Our Elections

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Introduction

For more than two decades, we have faced forces in the United States willing—even eager—to subvert the democratic process as a means of achieving their own electoral goals. In the final weeks of 2016, a few prescient political staffers—including the founders of this organization—were preparing for the prospect that Donald Trump might contest the legitimacy of the results should he lose. Four years later, he did just that. Our democracy held only because of the unshakable will of a small number of public officials. The foundation of our union was left vulnerable because threats from within have for too long gone unchecked.

In 2022, challenges to our democracy were widespread: election certifications were delayed in multiple states, contests alleging fraud without evidence were allowed to move forward, officials tried to prevent thousands of valid ballots from being counted, costly and inaccurate full hand counts were attempted, and misinformation was delivered not just in online forums but within official government meetings. All of these attempts to subvert the will of voters and undermine confidence in our elections occurred at the most local levels of government, where we largely entrust the responsibility for administering our elections.



Still, following the results of the 2022 elections, a positive narrative that most election deniers were defeated at the ballot box quickly developed within the national media, but outside of a few prominent election contests, the reality is unfortunately more pessimistic. In fact, more anti-democracy actors were elected to statewide offices last year, not fewer. Across the country, candidates supporting election denialism won several statewide elections, solidifying their influence in state and federal government. These election winners include the Governors of Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, South Dakota, and Texas; Secretaries of State of Indiana and Wyoming; Attorneys General of Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas; and U.S. Senators in Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.¹

At least 180 of the 222 Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives elected in 2022, most of whom were incumbents, either questioned or denied the results of the 2020 presidential election. Of the 34 U.S. Senators elected or reelected in 2022, 17 expressed skepticism about the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.² This adds up to at least 74% of Congressional Republicans who rejected the 2020 election results.³ Barring their resignation or removal from office, these same officials will be charged with confirming the electoral college votes for the 2024 presidential election.

While those figures are concerning on their own, a focus on federal and statewide officials overlooks the threats that are closest to elections: those local officials whose hands are literally and figuratively closest to our ballots, the people responsible for counting our votes and certifying election results.

Efforts to undermine the will of voters and to falsely shake public confidence in our elections are taking shape from within county offices and town halls across the country, as demonstrated in 2020 and 2022 elections, and they are being assisted by efforts within state capitols to change the election laws. State and local elected officials can abuse their responsibilities or exploit vagaries in the law to try to halt the certification of elections, sow confusion about election results, and overturn the will of voters.

For example, Peggy Judd, a County Supervisor in Arizona made the trip from Arizona to Washington, D.C., to attend the January 6 “Stop the Steal” rally that devolved into the attack on our Capitol. Two years later, Judd refused to certify her county’s election results until compelled by a judge.

¹The Washington Post, “Tracking Which 2020 Election Deniers Are Winning, Losing in the Midterms,” [12/18/2022](#).

²The New York Times, “See Which 2020 Election Deniers and Skeptics Won and Lost in the Midterm Elections,” [11/09/2022](#).

³National Public Radio, “Here Are the Republicans Who Objected to the Electoral College Count,” [01/07/2021](#).



In 2023 and beyond, these threats are growing in strength as concerning officials—particularly in the battleground states that have been ground zero for anti-democratic actions—continue to test the strength of election laws, peddle lies about non-existent fraud, probe for vulnerabilities in the electoral process, and create confusion about the security of future elections.

Since August 2022, Informing Democracy has conducted research on the law and personnel that administer local elections to place a spotlight on the critical work of election administration that takes place after votes are cast. Moving forward, Informing Democracy will continue working to build a central repository of the information, including laws, regulations, and official guidance, that govern how votes are counted and elections are certified in order to protect the foundation of our democracy, while also identifying the bad actors who are working to subvert it.



Executive Summary



Informing Democracy began its work in 2022 with a focus on researching the election administration in six states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Our research revealed more than the complexity, and in some cases fragility, of the processes behind how we count votes and certify elections—it also exposed the prevalence of officials who have sought to undermine our elections.

These officials, responsible for establishing election laws and running our elections, acted as false electoral college electors in the 2020 election, participated in the attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and called on the Vice President to not certify the election results, continuously spread false information to undermine confidence in elections, attempted to change election rules to obtain partisan advantage, worked to reject thousands of valid election ballots, sought to expose the security of our election systems to outside actors, and more. In each state researched, the threat from election officials was not hypothetical, but was acted upon. The same types of threats that were identified in our pilot research are certain to exist throughout the country; working to make them visible so that those efforts can be stopped is essential to maintaining our democracy.

In conducting this research into the officials responsible for administering our elections, Informing Democracy observed a troubling trend:

- Anti-democracy officials are using their positions to act against our elections and were emboldened by activity in 2020 and 2022.
- Election denial is rampant at the local level, where officials largely administer election laws.
- Anti-democratic state legislators continue to win in large numbers with few general election opponents.



This report includes background on specific officials who exhibited anti-democratic tendencies or actions ahead of the 2022 elections. These officials will, by and large, continue to have responsibility over election administration through the 2024 presidential election in their states.

In the six pilot research states we observed this pattern repeatedly in local and state elections. In total across each state—from city halls and county office buildings to the statehouse—Informing Democracy identified 204 current officials who provoke concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions, including:

- 94 local officials across 59 jurisdictions, including several who voted against certification of elections in their own jurisdictions, violating their non-discretionary duty.
- 110 current state legislators who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Prior to Election Day, 2022, Informing Democracy identified 127 state legislators running for reelection who provoked this concern—104 of them won reelection last year (81.89% reelection rate).

Those who provoked concern include election officials who are making it more difficult to vote, or who promote misinformation about American elections—people like Peggy Judd in Arizona and two members of the Luzerne County Board of Elections in Pennsylvania as well as more prominent election deniers like Pennsylvania’s Doug Mastriano and Wisconsin’s Janel Brandtjen. Judd, in attempting to delay certification of the 2022 election results, said her efforts were a “big test going forward” for future elections. In Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, Mastriano and Brandtjen remain in positions of power, with the ability to effect change on electoral processes. In Georgia, state legislator Burt Jones was elected to a more prominent, statewide office. Election deniers exert influence at all levels of local and state government and, despite a relatively straightforward 2022 election, will continue to threaten the integrity of elections.



Notably many of these officials ran unopposed in their elections, both in primary and general elections. Just within our 2022 pilot states, of 134 officials who ran for office in 2022, 29 were unopposed in the general election, and 71 were unopposed in their primaries.



Key Findings



Anti-Democracy Officials Are Using Their Positions to Act Against Our Elections and Are Emboldened by Activity in 2020 & 2022

The media narrative surrounding anti-democracy activity within the ranks of government officials has focused on passive activity and opinion, centering on terms like election denier and misinformation, but this focus misses the true nature of this threat, that officials with power over elections are acting on their anti-democratic beliefs to undermine the will of voters. Our research exposed the widespread nature of this threat.

- In Arizona, officials who opposed certification of the 2020 presidential election attempted to refuse to certify 2022 election results.
- In Georgia, officials who supported conspiracy theories related to voting systems illegally allowed outside access to election equipment and data.
- In Michigan, officials who spread election disinformation attempted to void votes from the city of Detroit entirely.
- In North Carolina, an official who was at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, later that year signed a letter calling for a full audit of the 2020 election.
- In Pennsylvania, officials across multiple counties voted against certifying their election results in recent years and some allowed outside access to election equipment and data.
- In Wisconsin, an official who called on the Vice President to delay certification of the 2020 election, sued the state to try to prevent the counting of military ballots in 2022.

Election Denial Is Rampant at Local Level, Where Officials Largely Administer Election Laws

At the local level in Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, much of the relevant election authority rests with elected officials. In Georgia and North Carolina, the positions responsible for elections are largely appointed.

In the 2022 elections, County Supervisors in Arizona's Cochise County and Mohave County publicly opposed certification of the election results up until the last possible moment. And, in the aftermath of those actions, one County Supervisor in Pinal County began calling on the state legislature to repeal the county boards' duty to certify future elections. Each of these



supervisors had previously promoted disinformation about America's elections, and some engaged in the very same election certification delay tactic two years earlier after Election Day, 2020.

In Pennsylvania, the Luzerne County Board of Election voted against certification of the 2022 election results. After some delay, the Board voted to certify the election in a 3-2 vote, with two Republican members in opposition.

Of election officials that could be in office to oversee the 2024 presidential election, research indicated 94 officials who provoke concern about anti-democratic bias each state:

- **Arizona:** 12 local officials across six of Arizona's 15 counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. This group included four county supervisors from Cochise and Mohave counties who voted to certify the 2022 election results only after being ordered to do so by a state judge.
- **Georgia:** 19 local officials from 12 Georgia counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions.
- **Michigan:** Eight local officials across five counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Of the six who ran for reelection in 2022, four were unopposed in the primaries.
- **North Carolina:** 16 local officials across 11 counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions.
- **Pennsylvania:** 36 local officials from 22 counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions, including two Luzerne County election board members who voted against certifying the 2022 election results. Many of these officials will reach the end of their terms in January 2024.
- **Wisconsin:** Three local officials from three jurisdictions provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or activities.

While most of these officials are elected to four-year terms in even-numbered (presidential election) years, Pennsylvania's county officials under review are elected in odd-numbered years (i.e., 2023). Additional background on each of these key local actors can be found summarized below in the State-By-State Findings.



Election Deniers Win Seats in State Legislatures With Scant General Election Opposition

Across six states, Informing Democracy identified 110 current state legislators who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Prior to Election Day, 2022, Informing Democracy identified 127 state legislators running for reelection who provoked this concern—104 of them won reelection last year (81.89% reelection rate).

A summary of the major findings from the six states follows.

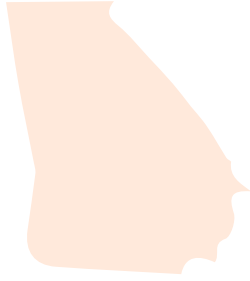


Arizona

21 current state legislators provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 26 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022, all of whom ran for reelection (80.77% reelection rate). The Arizona Legislature contains 30 Senators and 60 Representatives.

- **Eight of these reelected legislators faced no general election opponent.**
- **10 of these reelected legislators faced no primary opponent.**
- **Of those who lost, one lost in the general election and four lost in the primaries.**
- **Those reelected include seven State Senators and 14 Representatives.**





Georgia

Three current state legislators and two statewide officials provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 12 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022, four of whom ran for reelection (75% reelection rate). The Georgia General Assembly contains 56 Senators and 180 Representatives.

- **Two legislators were elected Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Labor.**
- **Eight legislators did not run for reelection.**
- **One legislator who ran for reelection lost in the primary election.**
- **Of those reelected, one is a State Senator and two are Representatives.**

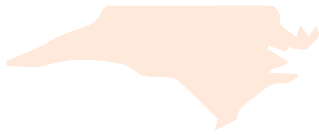


Michigan

33 current state legislators provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 43 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022, all of whom ran for reelection (76.74% reelection rate). The Michigan Legislature contains 38 Senators and 110 Representatives.

- **10 lost in the general election, with zero running unopposed in the general election.**
- **Of the 33 who were reelected, 11 were unopposed in the primaries.**
- **Those reelected include 11 State Senators and 22 Representatives.**

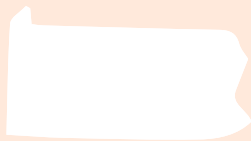




North Carolina

15 current state legislators provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 17 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022, 16 of whom ran for reelection (93.75% reelection rate). The North Carolina General Assembly contains 50 Senators and 120 Representatives.

- **Of the 15 who were reelected, 12 ran unopposed in the primaries and 10 had no general election opponent—eight had no general election or primary opponent.**
- **One legislator who ran for reelection lost in the primary election and one did not run for reelection.**
- **Those reelected include three State Senators and 12 Representatives, including the Speaker.**

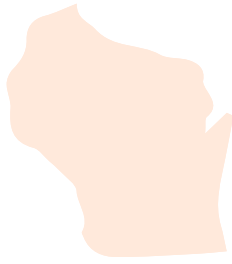


Pennsylvania

27 current state legislators provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 33 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022. Due to staggered State Senate terms, six of those who provoked concern were not up for reelection in 2022. Of the 27 who ran for reelection, 21 won (77.78% reelection rate). The Pennsylvania General Assembly contains 50 Senators and 203 Representatives.

- **Of the 27 serving, nine faced no general election opponent and 24 faced no primary opponent.**
- **Of those who faced reelection in 2022, zero lost in the general election and two lost in the primaries.**
- **Six State Senators were not up for reelection until 2024, including 2022 gubernatorial candidate Mastriano.**
- **Those currently serving include nine State Senators and 18 Representatives.**





Wisconsin

11 current state legislators provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Informing Democracy identified 15 state legislators who provoked this concern prior to Election Day, 2022, 11 of whom ran for reelection (100% reelection rate). The Wisconsin Legislature contains 33 Senators and 99 Representatives.

- **None who ran for reelection lost.**
- **Of the 11 who won reelection, 10 were unopposed in the primaries, one ran unopposed in the general election.**
- **Four did not run for reelection.**
- **Those reelected include one State Senator and 10 Representatives.**

Below, please find background information on those who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies and actions at the local and state level in the six targeted states.



State-by-State Findings

Methodology

Ahead of the 2022 elections, Informing Democracy analyzed the state and local election codes of six pilot states. Through this analysis we identified key local offices –elected and appointed –which have outsized potential to impact elections. Informing Democracy analyzed past actions and public statements of those officials to surface any evidence of election denialism or support for election subversion efforts. Through this research, we identified a large number of local officials and state legislators across the six states who promote anti-democratic policy and misinformation about our elections. Common examples of these findings include: calling on Vice President Pence to halt the election certification process, supporting bills to

decertify Presidential Electors, obstructing opportunities to vote, delaying election certification without cause, and illegally permitting third-party access to local election equipment and data.

“This report blends information from various public sources, including state laws, municipal codes, official government websites, news coverage, and social media. This synthesis of sources is intended to aid understanding about the personnel behind U.S. elections, but it is NOT a legal document.



Arizona



Quick Summary:

- **12 local officials across six of Arizona’s 15 counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions, including County Supervisors from Cochise and Mohave counties who only voted to certify the 2022 election results after being ordered to do so by a state judge.**
- **21 election denying state legislators currently serve, out of 26 who ran for reelection (80.77% reelection rate).**

Anti-democratic activity by officials responsible for administering elections in Arizona included attending the January 6, 2021, “Stop the Steal” rally in Washington, D.C., calling on Vice President Pence to halt certification of the 2020 election, attempting to decertify Arizona’s 2020 presidential electors, refusing to certify valid election results, supporting full hand counts of election ballots, promoting election conspiracy theories and disinformation, suggesting violence in the aftermath of elections, supporting the controversial audit of the 2020 Arizona election, and empowering the legislature with a veto of Arizona’s election results.



Two Counties Attempted to Halt Election Certification

Six Counties Provoke Concern Due to Anti-Democratic Tendencies or Actions by Local Officials

At the local level in Arizona, much of the relevant election authority rests with elected and appointed officials:

- **County Boards of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors (BoS), composed of three to five members elected to four-year terms, is the main administrator of all elections in each county and is the formal power center for most county-level decisions. Their responsibilities include budget allocation for elections, consulting on statewide procedure with the Secretary of State, selecting poll locations, appointing Election Boards and Central Counting Place Boards, and supervising central count locations. The BoS conducts the canvass of results within the county, can order recounts, and certifies elections for offices within the county jurisdiction.
- **Clerk:** The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is appointed by the Board of Supervisors for the county, and performs duties as delegated by the BoS. The Clerk is responsible for non-discretionary duties required by law, rule, or BoS order. They may vote to fill a vacancy on the BoS in the case of a tie vote, and in some cases the Clerk signs the county canvass report.

Of Arizona's 15 counties, six (Cochise, Gila, Mohave, Pinal, Yavapai, Yuma) are governed by a Board of Supervisors that contains at least one supervisor who sought to restrict access to voting, promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections. One county (Cochise) has a Recorder who promoted conspiracies about the 2020 election.

In the 2022 elections, County Supervisors in Cochise County and Mohave County publicly opposed certification of the election results up until the last possible moment. And, in the aftermath of those actions, one County Supervisor in Pinal County called on the state legislature to repeal the County Boards' duty to certify future elections. Each Supervisor who opposed election certification in 2022 had previously promoted disinformation about America's elections, and some had engaged in the very same election certification delay tactic two years earlier after Election Day, 2020.



Here are the officials who provoked concern due to their anti-democratic tendencies or actions, beginning with local officials and proceeding to state legislators:



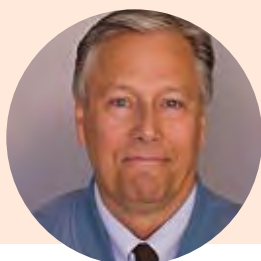
Term Expires: 2025

PEGGY JUDD Cochise County Board of Supervisors

A former member of the Arizona House of Representatives, Peggy Judd first won a seat on the Cochise County Board of Supervisors in 2016. In 2020, she won the 2020 GOP nomination 47.55% to 46.49%, and went on to win the general election unopposed.

In 2022, after refusing to certify the results of the midterm elections to protest the results in Maricopa County, Judd was ordered by a judge to certify the results. As she voted to certify the results, Judd said, “This experience has – you know, and it’s going to be a big test going forward.” She also voted to require a hand count of the ballots but later abandoned those efforts after a court ruled against them. These efforts to delay certification were opposed by the county attorney, who refused to represent Judd and another County Supervisor in court, saying that they were acting illegally.

Additionally, Judd has repeatedly touted election misinformation on social media about the results of the 2020 election, and she was present at a January 6, 2021, “Stop the Steal” rally in Washington, D.C. In the days prior to January 6th, Judd shared a post urging God to guide then-Vice President Pence to unilaterally reject the results of the 2020 Presidential Election.



Term Expires: 2025

TOM CROSBY Cochise County Board of Supervisors

Tom Crosby was first elected to the Cochise County Board of Supervisors in 2020. In that election, Tom Crosby won the GOP nomination 49.28% to 45.07%, and went on to win the general election unopposed.

In 2022, after refusing to certify the results of the midterm elections, Crosby was ordered by a judge to certify the results. Instead of complying with a judicial order, Crosby skipped the meeting to certify the 2022 election results. He also voted to require a hand count of the ballots but later abandoned those efforts after a court ruled against them. These efforts to delay certification were opposed by the county attorney, who refused to represent Crosby and another County Supervisor in court, saying that they were acting illegally.

Crosby’s efforts to disrupt certification of the 2022 election followed a pattern. He nominated a fake 2020 elector for former President Trump to the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission.





Term Expires: 2025

DAVID STEVENS

Cochise County Recorder

A former member of the Arizona House of Representatives for eight years, David Stevens was elected Cochise County Recorder in 2016. In 2020, he won the GOP nomination unopposed and went on to win the general election unopposed.

In 2021, Stevens traveled to a “Ballot Integrity Summit” with state representatives—and election conspiracists—Mark Finchem and Leo Biasiucci. After Election Day, 2022, Stevens indicated through his attorney that Cochise County would not give up on its efforts to conduct a hand recount.



Term Expires: 2025

STEVE CHRISTENSEN

Gila County Board of Supervisors

Steve Christensen was first elected to the Gila County Board of Supervisors in a special 2022 election. He won the GOP nomination 44.44% to 28.89% and 26.56%, and went on to win the special general election unopposed.

In 2022, Christensen endorsed a candidate for governor who was a fake 2020 Trump elector. In 2021, Christensen praised Arizona State Senator Wendy Rogers for “looking out for... voter integrity.” Rogers, who appears later in this report, cosponsored a resolution to decertify Arizona’s 2020 Presidential Electors and called on Americans to “buy more ammo” while the votes were being counted in Arizona in 2020.





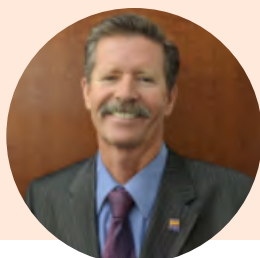
Term Expires: 2025

TIM HUMPHREY

Gila County Board of Supervisors

In 2020, Humphrey won the GOP nomination unopposed and went on to win the general election with 67.49% to 32.21%.

In 2018, Humphrey paid a fine after being accused by the Arizona Attorney General of using his official county position to influence the outcome of an election, against Arizona statute. As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Humphrey voted for a resolution in June expressing opposition to a ballot initiative that Arizonans were voting on that November.



Term Expires: 2025

RON GOULD

Mohave County Board of Supervisors

A former member of the Arizona State Senate, Ron Gould won reelection to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors in 2022 without opposition in the general election. He also won the GOP primary unopposed.

After Election Day, 2022, Gould opposed the election certification vote of the County Board of Supervisors, saying, "I have no choice but to [vote to certify], or I'll be arrested." After voting to certify the 2022 election results, Gould called his efforts to delay certification "a political statement" to protest the election results from Maricopa County, Arizona.

Gould's efforts to disrupt certification of the 2022 election followed a pattern. After the 2020 election, Gould said he was "in no big hurry to canvass the election," and he voted against certification of the 2020 election results. One week later, Gould voted to certify the results of the 2020 election.





Term Expires: 2025

HILDY ANGIUS

Mohave County Board of Supervisors

Hildy Angius won the 2020 GOP nomination unopposed and went on to win the general election unopposed.

After Election Day, 2022, Angius opposed the election certification vote of the County Board of Supervisors, saying her vote to certify the election results was done “under duress for the chaos Maricopa County has forced into our election process.”

Angius’ efforts to disrupt certification of the 2022 election followed a pattern. In February 2022, Angius promoted a video, titled “Justified: The Story of America’s Audit,” on social media, and in August 2022 she promoted a statement from the Mohave County Assessor stating, “our county is not the enemy... other counties are, but not Mohave.” Following Election Day, 2020, Angius posted a statement on social media saying, “SHARPIEGATE!” along with information about the 2020 election that was censored for misinformation. In the weeks following the 2020 election, Angius voted against certifying the election results. One week later, Angius voted to certify the results of the 2020 election.



Term Expires: 2025

JEFF SERDY

Pinal County Board of Supervisors

Jeff Serdy won the 2020 GOP primary 51.95% to 37.86% and 10%, and went on to win the general election unopposed.

In 2023, Serdy encouraged state legislators to change the law to allow Supervisors to vote against certification.

In 2021, Serdy criticized the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County for “fighting the Constitution” by opposing the Cyber Ninjas audit, asking the Board, “What are you hiding?” Serdy also said in 2021 that it was good the Pinal County Board of Supervisors possessed the power to appoint the County Elections Director, saying “let’s not be like the places that have problems,” citing Maricopa County.





Term Expires: 2025

KEVIN CAVANAUGH

Pinal County Board of Supervisors

In 2020, Kevin Cavanaugh won the 2020 GOP primary without opposition and went on to win the general election 50.96% to 48.79%.

After Election Day, 2020, then-candidate Kevin Cavanaugh accused the County Recorder's Office of "election meddling," saying that he "may have no choice but to file a recall election to ensure a fair outcome." In 2022, Cavanaugh was criticized by his fellow supervisors for having his own attorney on his staff, since legal advice should come from the County Attorney.

After the 2022 election, Cavanaugh pushed for the county to conduct a vast hand recount and promoted misinformation about voting machines.



Term Expires: 2025

HARRY OBERG

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

Harry Oberg won the 2020 GOP nomination with 48.96%, and went on to win the general election with 60.69%.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, Oberg endorsed unfounded allegations ballot drop boxes enabling voting fraud, and openly questioned the ability of cities to run elections, questioning if they could reliably and securely operate ballot drop boxes, while saying the same issue wasn't a problem for "small communities" like his.



Term Expires: 2025

CRAIG BROWN

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

Craig Brown won the 2020 GOP nomination with 71.01%, and went on to win the general election with 77.37%.

While legal, Brown drew complaints from the public after he placed a bumper sticker supporting a political candidate on a vehicle he used for county business, which had the county seal on the door. In 2023, Brown and the Yavapai Board of Supervisors passed a resolution which gave support to unfounded concerns about the integrity of Arizona's elections.





Term Expires: 2025

DARREN SIMMONS

Yuma County Board of Supervisors

Simmons won the 2020 GOP primary unopposed and went on to win the general election unopposed.

In 2022, Simmons promoted a statement by a candidate for Attorney General of Arizona claiming “massive irregularities discovered during the 2020 presidential election.”

In 2022, Simmons also endorsed a state representative who said the Yuma area “can’t have free and fair elections [...] its spreading across the country,” at a May 2022 legislative hearing where election conspiracy promoters were “treated like celebrities.”



21 Election Denying State Legislators Reelected

Informing Democracy identified 21 state legislators who won reelection in 2022 who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. This group includes seven State Senators and 14 State Representatives.

Prior to the 2022 elections, Informing Democracy identified 29 state legislators who raised such concerns. Three did not run for reelection, four lost reelection in the primary, and one lost in the general election (80.77% reelection rate).

Arizona's legislature has 60 State Representatives and 30 State Senators, serving two-year terms. State Representatives serve in multi-member districts.

Here are the officials who provoked concern due to their anti-democratic tendencies or actions:





Term Expires: 2025

STEVE KAISER

Arizona State Senator—Senate District Two

In 2022, Steve Kaiser won election to the State Senate, winning with 51.84%. He ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

On January 5th, 2021, then-Representative Kaiser signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election (Kaiser's name is spelled "Kasier" in the letter to the U.S. Vice President).



Term Expires: 2025

WENDY ROGERS

Arizona State Senator—Senate District Seven

In 2022, Wendy Rogers was reelected to the State Senate, defeating State Senator Kelly Townsend in the GOP primary, and winning the Seventh Senate District with 63.6% of the vote.

In 2022, Senator Rogers cosponsored a resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. Rogers also garnered widespread attention after Election Day, 2020, because she called on Americans to "buy more ammo" while the votes were being counted in Arizona.



Term Expires: 2025

WARREN PETERSEN

President, Arizona State Senate—Senate District 14

In 2022, Warren Petersen was reelected to the State Senate, winning the GOP primary without opposition, and winning the general election without opposition.

On January 5th, 2021, Senator Petersen signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





Term Expires: 2025

JAKE HOFFMAN

Arizona State Senator—Senate District 15

Previously a State Representative, Jake Hoffman won election to the State Senate in 2022, winning the GOP nomination without opposition, and winning the general election with 64.75%.

In 2022, Hoffman cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



Term Expires: 2025

DAVID GOWAN

Arizona State Senator—Senate District 19

Reelected in 2022, State Senator David Gowan faced no opposition in the GOP primary and went on to win the general election without opposition.

On January 5th, 2021, Senator Gowan signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election. In 2022, Gowan cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



Term Expires: 2025

ANTHONY KERN

Arizona State Senator—Senate District 27

First elected in 2014, Anthony Kern won the 2022 GOP nomination for the 27th State Senate district with 67.63%, and went on to win the general election with 55.14%

On January 5th, 2021, Kern signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





Term Expires: 2025

SONNY BORRELLI
Majority Leader, Arizona State Senate—
Senate District 30

Sonny Borrelli was reelected in 2022 to the 30th State Senate district, running unopposed in the general election and the GOP primary.

On January 5th, 2021, Borrelli signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election. In 2022, Borrelli co-sponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors.

In 2016, Borrelli defeated now-Supervisor of Mohave County Ron Gould for the GOP nomination for the State Senate and won the general election without opposition.



Term Expires: 2025

QUANG NGUYEN
Arizona State Representative—House
District One

In 2022, Quang Nguyen won the GOP primary for the First House District, winning with 35.81%, and went on to win the general election with 33.18%.

In 2022, Nguyen cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. He also spoke at an Arizona Oath Keepers meeting.



Term Expires: 2025

JUSTIN WILMETH
Arizona State Representative—House
District Two

In 2022, Justin Wilmeth won the general election to the Second House District with 33.29%. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 36.70%.

On January 5th, 2021, Wilmeth signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





JOSEPH CHAPLIK
Arizona State Representative—House
District Three

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Joseph Chaplik won the general election for House District Three without opposition. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 46.70%.

In 2022, Chaplik cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. In 2022, Chaplik also cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



DAVID COOK
Arizona State Representative—House
District Seven

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, David Cook won the general election for the House District Seven without opposition, after winning the GOP primary with 37.92%.

In 2022, Cook cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



TRAVIS GRANTHAM
Speaker Pro Tempore, Arizona House of
Representatives—District 14

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Travis Grantham won the general election for the 14th House District with 36.36%. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 42.36%.

On January 5th, 2021, Grantham signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





NEAL CARTER
Arizona State Representative—House
District 15

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Neal Carter won the GOP primary unopposed, and won the general election without opposition.

In 2022, Carter cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors.



JACQUELINE PARKER
Arizona State Representative—House
District 15

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Jacqueline Parker won the GOP primary for the 15th House district without opposition, and went on to win the general election without opposition.

In 2022, Parker cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. Parker also cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



TERESA MARTINEZ
Majority Whip, Arizona House of
Representatives—House District 16

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Teresa Martinez won the GOP primary for the 16th House district without opposition, and went on to win the general election with 36.46%.

In 2022, Martinez cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. Martinez also cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.





GAIL GRIFFIN
Arizona State Representative—House
District 19

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Gail Griffin won the GOP primary for the 19th House district without opposition, and went on to win the general election with 38.58%.

On January 5th, 2021, Griffin signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



LUPE DIAZ
Arizona State Representative—House
District 19

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Lupe Diaz won the GOP primary for the 19th House district without opposition, and went on to win the general election with 35.48%.

In 2022, Diaz cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors. Diaz also cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



KEVIN PAYNE
Arizona State Representative—House
District 27

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Kevin Payne won the GOP primary with 40.11%, and went on to win the general election with 34.59%.

On January 5th, 2021, Payne signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





Term Expires: 2025

BEVERLY PINGERELLI
Arizona State Representative—House
District 28

In 2022, Pingerelli won the **GOP primary for the 28th House district with 39.90%**, and went on to win the general election with **38.08%**.

Pingerelli cosponsored legislation that would end early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and permit the Arizona Legislature to veto election results.



Term Expires: 2025

STEVE MONTENEGRO
Arizona State Representative—House
District 29

Steve Montenegro won the **2022 GOP primary for the 29th House District with 37.05%**, and went on to win the general election with **36.41%**.

On January 5th, 2021, Montenegro signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



Term Expires: 2025

LEO BIASIUCCI
Majority Leader, Arizona House of
Representatives—District 30

In 2022, Leo Biasiucci won the **GOP primary for the 30th House district with 46.96%**, and went on to win the general election **without opposition**.

In 2022, Biasiucci cosponsored a legislative resolution to decertify Arizona's 2020 Presidential Electors.



Georgia



Quick Summary:

- **19 local officials from 12 Georgia counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions.**
- **Two election denier state legislators were elevated to statewide office in 2022; those who ran for reelection in legislature won at 75% rate.**

Anti-democratic actions by officials with responsibility for elections in Georgia included being named as a fake elector in the 2020 election, allowing third-party access to voting infrastructure, opposition to Sunday voting, amplifying charges of non-existent voter fraud, supporting greater state power over local election authorities, opposition to students being registered to vote at their college addresses, supporting mass voter purges suggested by partisan activists, promoting election conspiracy theories and disinformation, voting against certifying valid election results, claiming election laws needed to change for partisan advantage, acting against the legal advice of government attorneys to access secure voting information, referencing “fellow insurrectionists,” and calling on Vice President Pence to halt the certification of the 2020 election.



19 Local Officials Across 12 Georgia Counties Provoke Concern Due To Anti-Democratic Tendencies Or Actions

At the local level in Georgia, much of the relevant election authority rests with appointed officials:

- County Board of Elections (and Registration) Member: The Board of Elections (aka Board of Elections and Registration, etc.) is the primary entity filling the role of Election Superintendent in many Georgia counties. The boards are created through establishing legislation passed by the Georgia General Assembly, which sets the board structure and selection method, with variation between counties.
- The Board of Election usually does not run the day-to-day operations of elections in the county, and will delegate many of its powers and responsibilities to an Election Supervisor. Exactly what powers and responsibilities are delegated by the Board varies county by county. The Board will conduct oversight of the Election Supervisor and their office or staff.

Of the 34 counties prioritized by Informing Democracy during its 2022 pilot, elections in five counties are overseen by County Election Boards with two members who have sought to restrict access to voting, promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections: Bartow, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton and Spalding.



Here are the officials who provoked concern concern due to their anti-democratic tendencies or activities, beginning with local officials and proceeding to state legislators:



JANET QUEEN

Member—Bartow County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

Appointed

Queen was appointed by a local judge.

In 2022, Queen voted against providing Sunday voting in Bartow County for the upcoming general election.



KEN CATHCART

Member—Bartow County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

Appointed

Cathcart was appointed by a local judge.

In 2022, Cathcart voted against providing Sunday voting in Bartow County for the upcoming general election.



JEFFREY VANCE

Member—Carroll County Board of Elections and Registration

Appointed

Vance was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

On November 6, 2020, Vance promoted a statement from the Trump campaign that stated, "Help stop voter suppression, irregularities and fraud. ... Report a case."





Appointed

PAT GARTLAND
Member—Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration

Gartland was appointed by the local Republican Party.

Gartland joined the slate of fake electors who tried to help Donald Trump overturn the 2020 election results, for which he was interviewed by the FBI. He later removed his name, citing the death of his wife, and attempted unsuccessfully to recruit a replacement for his position on the slate of fake electors.



Appointed

BOARD DESIGNEE/S
Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration

After the 2020 election, persons reporting to the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration “allegedly gave outsiders access to the machines or their data.” The matter is being litigated, as “a local elections official invoked his Fifth Amendment right to avoid self-incrimination more than 200 times when questioned under oath.”

Prior to Election Day, 2022, The Georgia Secretary of State announced that his office “would replace voting equipment” in Coffee County.



Appointed

NANCY JESTER
Member—DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Jester was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In 2022, Jester voted to sustain a challenge of 60 voters brought by conservative activists against voters registered at Agnes Scott College.

In 2021, Jester was appointed to the board to replace a longtime member who was not reappointed “because he pushed back on false claims of widespread voter fraud.”





Appointed

ANTHONY LEWIS
**Member—DeKalb County Board of
 Registration and Elections**

Lewis was appointed by the
 local Republican Party.

In 2022, Lewis voted to sustain a challenge of 60 voters brought by conservative activists against voters registered at Agnes Scott College.

In 2020, Lewis was the lone vote to sustain a challenge of 4,113 voters brought by a conservative activist.



Appointed

GARY STAMPER
**Member—Floyd County Board of Elections
 and Registration**

Stamper was appointed by the
 County Board of Commissioners.

After the 2020 election, the Georgia General Assembly dissolved the longtime nonpartisan board. Stamper was appointed as a replacement member to the board, after which time he promoted multiple conspiracy theories about the 2020 presidential election, which he said was “part of why I’m here.”



Appointed

JOELL NATT
**Vice Chairman—Forsyth County Board of
 Voter Registrations and Elections**

Natt was appointed by the local
 Republican Party.

In December 2020, Natt voted against extending voting from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the U.S. Senate runoff election. Natt also voted to sustain a challenge of more than 5,000 voters brought by a GOP state representative in December 2020.





Appointed

CARLA RADZIKINAS
Secretary—Forsyth County Board of Voter Registrations and Elections

Radzikinas was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In 2022, Radzikinas voted against allowing Sunday voting in the primary and general elections. Radzikinas also voted to sustain a challenge of more than 5,000 voters brought by a GOP state representative in December 2020.



Appointed

BARBARA LUTH
Chief Registrar and Chair—Forsyth County Board of Voter Registrations and Elections

Luth was appointed by a local judge.

In 2022, Luth voted against allowing Sunday voting in the May 2022 primary elections and nonpartisan general elections. In December 2020, Luth also voted against extending voting from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the U.S. Senate runoff election.



Appointed

KATHLEEN RUTH
Vice Chair—Fulton County Registration and Elections Board

Ruth was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In December 2020, Ruth voted against certifying the results of the recount of the presidential election, despite the recount showing a significant margin of victory for Biden.





Appointed

MARK WINGATE
Member—Fulton County Registration and Elections Board

Wingate was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In December 2020, Wingate voted against certifying the results of the recount of the presidential election, despite the recount showing a significant margin of victory for Biden. Wingate also emailed disinformation about the 2020 election to the County Election Director in December 2020, who responded, “Nothing in that story is true. It is full of laughable claims.”



Appointed

ALICE O'LENICK
Member—Gwinnett County Board of Registration and Elections

O'Lenick was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In January 2021, 15 members of the county legislative delegation called on O'Lenick to resign, due to her publicized comments that “They don't have to change all of them [election laws], but they've got to change the major parts of them so that we at least have a shot at winning.” O'Lenick also voted against certifying the 2020 election results, and called ballot drop boxes “ballot harvesting boxes.”



Appointed

JACK NOA
Chair—Hall County

Noa was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

In 2022, Noa claimed that “Dominion machines” and “paper crossing the state line to vote” were the reasons he wanted to be Chair of the County Board of Elections, and the reason the County Commissioners encouraged him to apply for the position.





Appointed

BOARD MAJORITY

Pickens County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

In 2022, a majority on the Pickens County Board of Elections and Voter Registration voted against the advice of the County Attorney, to open sealed and counted ballots to conduct a hand-recount of the May 2022 primary election, at the encouragement of the local Republican Party chair. The effort by the board was rejected by a county judge, with the County Attorney opposing the actions of the county board.



Appointed

BEN JOHNSON

Chairman—Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

Johnson was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In 2021, Johnson pushed the county to hire a private firm to obtain forensic images of the county's election system. He also falsely claimed in a 2021 board meeting that a judge had ruled that Dominion voting machines were "illegal" in Georgia, and addressed a social media post to "fellow insurrectionists." Johnson also voted to end Sunday voting in 2021.



Appointed

JAMES NEWLAND

Vice Chairman—Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

Newland was appointed by a local Judge.

In 2021, after the board was reorganized by the state legislature, Newland voted to end Sunday voting.





Appointed

ROY McCLAIN
**Secretary—Spalding County Board of
Elections and Voter Registration**

McClain was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In 2021, after the board was reorganized by the state legislature, McClain voted to end Sunday voting.



Two Election Denying State Legislators Won Statewide Office

In 2022, two Georgia state legislators who were prominent election deniers won statewide office when they were elected Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Labor.

Here are the officials who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions:



Term Expires: 2027

BURT JONES
Georgia Lieutenant Governor

Jones won the general election for the office in 2022 with 51%. He won the GOP primary with 50.06%.

On January 5th, 2021, then-State Senator Jones signed on to a [letter](#) to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



Term Expires: 2027

BRUCE THOMPSON
Georgia Commissioner of Labor

Thompson won the general election for the office in 2022 with 52%. He won the GOP primary with 62.65%.

On January 5th, 2021, then-State Senator Thompson signed on to a [letter](#) to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



Zero Election Denying State Legislators Lost in General Election

Three Georgia state legislators who publicly urged Vice President Pence to delay certification of the 2020 presidential election were reelected in 2022, while only one lost—in the Republican primary election (75% reelection rate). Eight election denying legislators, including those elected to statewide office mentioned previously, did not run for reelection to their office.

The Georgia legislature contains 56 senators and 180 representatives. Both State Senators and Representatives serve terms of two years.

Here are the officials who provoked concern due to their anti-democratic tendencies or actions:



Term Expires: 2025

BRANDON BEACH
Georgia State Senator—Senate District 21

In 2022, Beach won reelection without opposition in either the general election or the GOP primary.

On January 5th, 2021, Senator Beach signed on to a [letter](#) to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.





EMORY DUNAHOO
Georgia State Representative—House
District 31

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Dunahoo won reelection without opposition in the general election. He won the GOP primary with 53%.

On January 5th, 2021, Representative Dunahoo signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



DAVID CLARK
Georgia State Representative—House
District 100

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Clark won reelection with 65%. He won the GOP primary with 59.25%.

On January 5th, 2021, Representative Clark signed on to a letter to U.S. Vice President Pence encouraging him to halt certification of the 2020 presidential election.



Michigan



Quick Summary:

- **Eight local officials across five counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. Six of nine concerning local officials identified prior to the 2022 election won (66.67% reelection rate).**
- **33 election denying state legislators reelected; 10 lose in general election (76.74% reelection rate).**

Anti-democratic activity by officials responsible for administering elections in Michigan included attending “Stop the Steal” rallies at both the U.S. Capitol and the Michigan Capitol, promoting election fraud conspiracy theories, refusing to condemn the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, proposing a “Remembrance Day” critical of government action on January 6, declaring that the electoral votes in 2020 should not have been counted, criticizing the state certification of the 2020 election results, calling on Vice President Pence to investigate fraud and irregularities in the 2020 election, and supporting calls to void votes from the city of Detroit.



Eight Local Officials Serving Across Five Counties Provoke Concern Due to Anti-Democratic Tendencies or Actions

At the local level in Michigan, election authority rests with a combination of elected and appointed officials:

- **Municipal Clerks:** City and Township Clerks are the primary administrators of elections within their jurisdictions and are responsible for directing election activities and issuing instructions to Election Inspectors on both Precinct Boards and Absent Voter Counting Boards.
- **Municipal Boards of Election Commissioners (aka Election Commissions):** City and Township Election Commissions assist in the administration of elections within the municipality including testing voting equipment and appointing Election Inspectors.
- **County Boards of Canvassers:** There are 83 County Boards of Canvassers, each made up of two Republican members and two Democratic members. Each Board is responsible for canvassing, tabulating, and certifying county elections, and in many cases for canvassing municipal elections under contract with the City or Township Clerk.
- **County Clerks:** County Clerks support City (or Township) Clerks in the administration of elections. They are responsible for training most election workers and compiling unofficial results from precincts after polls close.
- **County Boards of Election Commissioners (aka Election Commissions):** There are 83 County Boards of Election Commissioners in Michigan, each composed of the County Clerk, Chief Probate Judge, and the County Treasurer. The County Boards of Election Commissioners are responsible for providing precincts with election equipment and supplies and overseeing the counting of absentee ballots.
- **County Boards of Commissioners:** Appoint the Board of County Canvassers.



Informing Democracy prioritized the review of Municipal Clerks and Municipal Boards of Election Commissioners (aka Election Commissions) in 24 municipalities. ID also prioritized the review of County Boards of Canvassers, County Clerks, County Boards of Election Commissioners (aka Election Commissions), and County Boards of Commissioners in 13 counties.

Within these counties and municipalities, officials who oversee elections in three jurisdictions include at least two officeholders who have sought to restrict access to voting, promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections: Calhoun, Muskegon, and Wayne.

Overall, eight officials are currently serving who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions—two of whom are appointed officials. Three officials who provoked concern prior to Election Day, 2022, lost reelection (66.67% reelection rate).

Here are the officials who provoked concern due to their anti-democratic tendencies or activities, beginning with local officials and proceeding to state legislators:



STEVE FRISBIE
Member—Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Frisbie was reelected with 63.33%. He was unopposed in the GOP primary.

In January 2021, Frisbie continued to undermine confidence in the 2020 election outcome and supported conspiracy theories about fraud. Frisbie wrote there was “evidence of election shenanigans,” “plenty of suspect issues in this election,” and endorsed debunked claims about ballots being secretly dumped at a Detroit vote center, writing, “[I] believe them.”





Appointed

BONNIE KAZMAR
Member—Calhoun County Board of
Canvassers

Kazmar was appointed by the local Republican Party.

In July 2022, Kazmar promoted a statement that claimed a woman pleaded “in an Arizona court of illegal ballot harvesting as seen in 2000 Mules.”



Term Expires: 2025

JEFF HEPPLER
Member—Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners

In 2022, Heppler was reelected with 55.45%. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

In June 2022, despite there having been no allegations of fraud made in Kalamazoo County, Heppler proposed that the county ballots from the 2020 election be kept an additional two years until 2024 to allow for further inspection. Heppler’s resolution was rejected.





TOM ANTOR
Member—Kent County Board of
Commissioners

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Antor was reelected with 61.59%. He won the GOP primary with 61.42%.

On December 3, 2020, Antor promoted a statement that read, “TFC Center, Motown’s Ballot Manufacturing Facility [...] where absentee ballots are created on demand”. Antor added his own comment, stating, “Time to spend some money and give immunity to those in on the scam. It’s kind of like negotiating with terrorists but at this point, the State and Federal Govt. needs to do whatever it takes to protect our election process.”

On December 30, 2020, Antor stated, regarding Donald Trump, “Named the most admired man in America which may be surprising to some but the same poll had Biden getting only 6% of the votes. Do the math, stop the steal.”



KIM CYR
Member—Muskegon County Board of
Commissioners

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, he was reelected in the general election with 58.34%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

In January 2021, Cyr voted against a resolution to condemn the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol.





ZACH LAHRING
Member—Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Lahring was reelected in the general election with 60.89%. He won the GOP primary with 68.64%.

Lahring argued against the counting of the electoral college votes and said that Antifa was responsible for the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. In January 2021, Lahring voted against a resolution to condemn the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol.



TERRY MARECKI
Member—Wayne County Board of Commissioners

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Marecki was reelected in the general election with 80.29%. She won the GOP primary without opposition.

In 2021, Marecki motioned to nominate a man to the Wayne County Board of Canvassers who said he would not have certified the results of the 2020 election and criticized board members who had.





Appointed

ROBERT BOYD

Vice Chair—Wayne County Board of Canvassers

Boyd was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

In 2021, as Boyd was considered by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Board of Canvassers, Boyd said that he would have opposed certification of the 2020 presidential election results, and he criticized the Republican board members who voted to certify the results. He was appointed to replace a Republican board member who initially declined to certify the 2020 results before ultimately reversing course.

In 2021, Boyd said, of the 2020 vote counting process in Detroit, “People saw ballots come in the back door, so, you know, there were cameras in there that people weren't aware of, that were there... They had a bunch hiding under the table. It was not a very pleasant thing to see.” Boyd also said that Black Lives Matter and Antifa were responsible for the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

In 2022, Boyd voted to certify the results of the elections. The vote was unanimous.



33 Election Denying State Legislators Reelected

Informing Democracy identified 33 state legislators who won reelection in 2022 who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. This group includes 11 Senators and 22 Representatives. 10 election denying legislators identified by Informing Democracy prior to Election Day, 2022, lost in the 2022 election (76.74% reelection rate).

The Michigan House of Representatives contains 110 members who are elected to two-year terms. The State Senate contains 38 members who are elected to four-year terms.

Here are the officials who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions:



Term Expires: 2027

JOSEPH BELLINO
Michigan State Senate—Senate District 16

In 2022, Bellino won election to that office with 65.01%. He won the GOP primary with 52.65%.

In November 2020, then-State Representative Bellino signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”





Term Expires: 2027

JONATHAN LINDSEY

Michigan State Senate—Senate District 17

In 2022, Lindsey won reelection with 65.39%. He won the GOP primary with 61.44%.

In 2022, Lindsey claimed the 2020 presidential election “was not conducted legally.” He also said the Michigan state legislature “refus[ed] to fulfill their constitutional duty when faced with election results tainted by illegality.”



Term Expires: 2027

ARIC NESBITT

Michigan Senate Republican Leader— Senate District 20

In 2022, Nesbitt was reelected with 60.95%. He won the GOP primary with 67.25%.

In November 2020, Senator Nesbitt authored a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



Term Expires: 2027

JIM RUNESTAD

Michigan State Senate—Senate District 23

In 2022, Runestad was reelected with 59.38%. He was unopposed in the GOP primary.

On January 4, 2021, Runestad signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence and the U.S. Congress calling on them to “pursue every available option and procedure to examine the credible allegations of election-related concerns surrounding fraud and irregularities.” An earlier version of the letter called on Congress and the Vice President to “temporarily delay certification in the name of national unity.”





Term Expires: 2027

RUTH JOHNSON

Michigan State Senate—Senate District 24

Johnson was reelected to that office with 65.80%. She won the GOP primary without opposition.

A former two-term Michigan Secretary of State, Johnson wrote an op-ed criticizing the then-current Secretary of State for “methodically stripping integrity out of our elections. In November 2020, Johnson filed an affidavit in support of Republican poll challengers who sued Wayne County and the city of Detroit asking the court to halt the election certification, void the votes from Detroit, or order a new election.



Term Expires: 2027

DAN LAUWERS

Michigan State Senate—Senate District 25

In 2022, Lauwers was reelected with 66.83%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

On January 4, 2021, Lauwers signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence and the U.S. Congress calling on them to “pursue every available option and procedure to examine the credible allegations of election-related concerns surrounding fraud and irregularities.” An earlier version of the letter called on Congress and the Vice President to “temporarily delay certification in the name of national unity.”



Term Expires: 2027

KEVIN DALEY

Michigan State Senator—Senate District 26

In 2022, Daley won reelection with 62.45%. He won the GOP primary with 78.85%.

In November 2020, Senator Daley signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”





Term Expires: 2027

ROGER VICTORY

Michigan State Senator—Senate District 31

In 2022, Victory won reelection with 62.11%. He won the GOP primary with 66.17%.

On January 4, 2021, Victory signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence and the U.S. Congress calling on them to “pursue every available option and procedure to examine the credible allegations of election-related concerns surrounding fraud and irregularities.” An earlier version of the letter called on Congress and the Vice President to “temporarily delay certification in the name of national unity.”



Term Expires: 2027

JON BUMSTEAD

Michigan State Senator—Senate District 32

In 2022, Bumstead won reelection with 52.83%. He won the GOP primary with 76.11%.

In November 2020, Senator Bumstead signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



Term Expires: 2027

RICK OUTMAN

Michigan State Senator—Senate District 33

In 2022, Outman won reelection with 66.25%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

In November 2020, State Senator Outman signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”

His son, Pat, is a Michigan State Representative mentioned later in this report.





Term Expires: 2027

MICHELE HOITENGA
Michigan State Senate—Senate District 36

In 2022, Hoytenga was reelected with 66.26%. She won the GOP primary without opposition.

On June 15, 2022, then-State Representative Hoytenga signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”



Term Expires: 2025

JAMIE THOMPSON
Michigan State Representative—House District 28

In 2022, Thompson won the general election with 50.99%. She won the GOP primary with 56.99%.

Thompson does not accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election and she has called for a full forensic audit of the results.



Term Expires: 2027

DALE ZORN
Michigan State Representative—House District 34

In 2022, Zorn won the office with 62.25%. He won the GOP primary with 39.98%.

In November 2020, then-State Senator Zorn signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”





Term Expires: 2025

ANDREW FINK
Michigan State Representative—House
District 35

In 2022, Fink was reelected with 72.83%. He won the GOP primary with 57.01%.

On January 6, 2021, Fink attended a “Stop the Steal” rally at the Michigan Capitol.



Term Expires: 2025

STEVE CARRA
Michigan State Representative—House
District 36

In 2022, Carra was reelected with 66.29%. He won the GOP primary with 39.67%.

On January 5, 2021, Carra signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence that stated, “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” The letter called on the Vice President to “comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.”

On June 15, 2022, Carra penned a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

In 2022, Carra proposed a measure to make January 6th, 2022, “Remembrance Day” in Michigan. Carra’s proposal stated, in part, “Resolved, That we recognize January 6 for the heinous and tyrannical actions levied on society by an unhinged and politically motivated ruling elite seeking compliance and subversion from the American people.”





Term Expires: 2025

BRAD PAQUETTE
Michigan State Representative—House
District 37

In 2022, Paquette was reelected with 64.69%. He won the GOP primary with 85.23%.

On June 15, 2022, Paquette signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

In November 2020, Paquette signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



Term Expires: 2025

PAULINE WENDZEL
Michigan State Representative—House
District 39

In 2022, Wendzel won reelection with 62.71%. She won the GOP primary with 58.63%.

In November 2020, Wendzell signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”





MATT HALL
Michigan House Republican Leader—House District 42

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Hall won reelection with 54.99%. He won the GOP primary with 71.24%

On June 15, 2022, Hall signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

As chairman of the Michigan House Oversight Committee, Hall allowed Rudy Giuliani to “take over” the committee “and air a number of election conspiracies.”



RACHELLE SMIT
Michigan State Representative—House District 43

Term Expires: 2025

Smit won reelection with 70.77%. She won the GOP primary with 49.94%.

Smit, a former township election clerk, claimed as a State House candidate in 2022 that there were “countless irregularities” in the 2020 presidential election, and said “we must... fix the 2020 election” before having an election in 2022.





ANN BOLLIN
Michigan State Representative—House
District 49

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Bollin was reelected with 55.78%. She won the GOP primary without opposition.

In November 2020, Bollin signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



ROBERT BEZOTTE
Michigan State Representative—House
District 50

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Bezotte won reelection with 66.83%. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

On June 15, 2022, Bezotte signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”





Term Expires: 2025

MATT MADDOCK

Michigan State Representative—House District 51

In 2022, Maddock won reelection with 57.79%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

Maddock was present at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021 and gave a speech to a crowd there on the prior day. His wife helped organize bus rides to Washington for the rallies and was a fake elector for Trump.

On January 5, 2021, Maddock signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence that stated, “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” The letter called on the Vice President to “comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.”

On June 15, 2022, Maddock signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

In November 2020, Maddock signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”





Term Expires: 2025

DOUG WOZNIAK
Michigan State Representative—House
District 59

In 2022, Wozniak was reelected with 65.20%. He won the GOP primary with 52.06%.

On January 5, 2021, Wozniak signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence that stated, “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” The letter called on the Vice President to “comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.”



Term Expires: 2025

ANDREW BEELER
Michigan State Representative—House
District 64

In 2022, Beeler was reelected with 61.31%. He won the GOP primary with 67.13%.

On June 15, 2022, Beeler signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”





Term Expires: 2025

MIKE MUELLER
Michigan State Representative—House
District 72

In 2022, Mueller was reelected with 58.09%. He won the GOP primary with 77.47%.

In November 2020, Mueller signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



Term Expires: 2025

ANGELA RIGAS
Michigan State Representative—House
District 79

In 2022, Rigas won election with 65.77%. She won the GOP primary with 59.09%.

As a candidate in 2022, Rigas claimed she participated in the January 6th, 2021, event at the U.S. Capitol and was tear-gassed there. Rigas said those who attacked the U.S. Capitol were “exercising their God-given constitutional rights,” and said she considered being called an “insurrectionist” and a “terrorist” a “compliment.”





Term Expires: 2025

LUKE MEERMAN
Michigan State Representative—House
District 89

In 2022, Meerman was reelected with 68.96%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

In November 2020, Meerman signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”

On January 5, 2021, Meerman signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence that stated, “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” The letter called on the Vice President to “comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.”



Term Expires: 2025

BRYAN POSTHUMUS
Michigan State Representative—House
District 90

In 2022, Posthumus won reelection with 62.07%. He won the GOP primary with 66.06%.

On June 15, 2022, Posthumus signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”





PAT OUTMAN
Michigan State Representative—House
District 91

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Outman was reelected with 68.30%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

On June 15, 2022, Representative Outman signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

Pat’s father, Michigan State Senator Rick Outman, is described earlier in this report.



CURTIS VANDERWALL
Michigan House of Representatives—House
District 102

Term Expires: 2025

A former member of the State Senate, Vanderwall was elected to the House in 2022, winning with 61.08%. He won the GOP primary with 58.55%.

On January 4, 2021, VanderWall signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence and the U.S. Congress calling on them to “pursue every available option and procedure to examine the credible allegations of election-related concerns surrounding fraud and irregularities.” An earlier version of the letter called on Congress and the Vice President to “temporarily delay certification in the name of national unity.”





Term Expires: 2025

JOHN ROTH
Michigan State Representative—House
District 104

Roth won reelection with 62.69%. He won the GOP primary with 51.99%.

On June 15, 2022, Roth signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”



Term Expires: 2025

KEN BORTON
Michigan State Representative—House
District 105

Borton was reelected with 69.41%. He won the GOP primary with 55.50%.

On January 5, 2021, Borton signed on to a letter to Vice President Pence that stated, “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” The letter called on the Vice President to “comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.”

On June 15, 2022, Borton signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”





Term Expires: 2025

GREGORY MARKKANEN
Michigan State Representative—House
District 110

In 2022, Markkanen won reelection with 63.35%. He won the GOP primary without opposition.

On June 15, 2022, Markkanen signed on to a letter “urging” the Michigan Attorney General “to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary 2000 Mules.”

In November 2020, Markkanen signed on to a letter to the Michigan Secretary of State that contained allegations about Dominion voting machines, mishandled ballots, and interference with poll watchers and election challengers. The letter called for a “full, independent audit... prior to the certification of any results... so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14.”



North Carolina



Quick Summary:

- **16 local officials across 11 counties provoke concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions.**
- **15 election denying state legislators reelected; zero lose in general election (93.75% reelection rate).**

Anti-democratic activity by officials responsible for administering elections in North Carolina included participating in the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, opposing Sunday voting, promoting election disinformation including false claims about the results of the 2020 presidential election, filing protests against valid voters, drastically reducing early voting hours, voting against certifying valid election results, calling for martial law in the aftermath of the 2020 election, opposing allowing voting locations on college campuses, and declaring the 2020 election “corrupted” by fraud.



16 Local Officials Across 11 Counties Provoke Concern Due to Anti-Democratic Tendencies or Actions

At the local level in North Carolina, much of the relevant election authority rests with appointed officials:

- **County Boards of Election:** The County Boards of Election are selected by the Governor and State Board of Elections, with input from the state political party chairs. They are responsible for administering elections within their county.
- They generally follow guidance from the State Board of Elections regarding operational procedures. Responsibilities include appointing and delegating duties to the Election Director, appointing precinct officials, overseeing absentee and provisional ballot processing, conducting the county-level canvass, overseeing recounts, hand-to-eye sample counts and audits, authorizing recounts, certifying for races wholly within the county, and hearing election protests.

Of North Carolina's 100 counties, the elections in 11 counties are overseen by County Boards of Elections with at least one member who sought to restrict access to voting, promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections: Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Columbus, Halifax, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Pasquotank, Robeson and Watauga.



Here are the officials who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions, beginning with local officials and proceeding to state legislators:

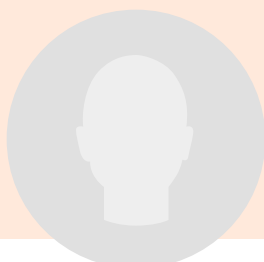


Appointed

EMERY WHITE
Member—Bladen County Board of Elections

White was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2019, White voted against allowing Sunday voting in Bladen County elections.



Appointed

MICHAEL AYCOCK
Member—Bladen County Board of Elections

Aycock was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2019, Aycock voted against allowing Sunday voting in Bladen County elections.



Appointed

GRANT “RANDY” PELTON
Member—Brunswick County Board of Elections

Pelton was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2022, Pelton voted against allowing Sunday voting in Brunswick County.





Appointed

STUART SMITH
Secretary—Brunswick County Board of Elections

Smith was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2022, Smith voted against allowing Sunday voting in Brunswick County.



Appointed

ANTHONY IOVINO
Member—Burke County Board of Elections

Iovino was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In April 2021, Iovino promoted a statement that read, "IF THEY CAN STEAL AN ELECTION RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE, THINK OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING BEHIND YOUR BACK..."

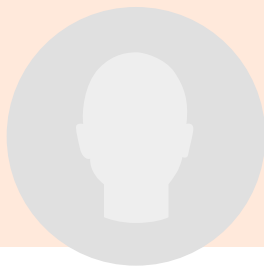


Appointed

DAVID McPHERSON
Secretary—Columbus County Board of Elections

McPherson was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In February 2022, McPherson voted against allowing Sunday voting in Columbus County.



Appointed

TUCKER MAC WARD
Member—Columbus County Board of Elections

Ward was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In February 2022, Ward voted against allowing Sunday voting in Columbus County.





Appointed

BYRON WATERS
Member—Halifax County Board of Elections

Waters was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In late September, 2020, Waters promoted an article about a “cash-for-ballots voter fraud scheme.” Waters added, “Oh no, there’s no problem with loose rules on mail-in ballots, none at all.”



Appointed

TOMMY PHARO
Member—Lenoir County Board of Elections

Pharo was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2016, Pharo voted to reduce early voting hours in Lenoir County by more than 75% compared to the 2012 election.



Appointed

LUCINDA MINGES
Member—Lenoir County Board of Elections

Minges was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2016, Minges voted to reduce early voting hours in Lenoir County by more than 75% compared to the 2012 election.





Appointed

ELIZABETH MCDOWELL
Secretary—Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

McDowell was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

McDowell voted against certifying the results of the 2020 election.



Appointed

MARY SUMMA
Member—Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

Summa was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

Summa voted against certifying the results of the 2020 election.



Appointed

JOHN ADAMS
Member—Montgomery County Board of Elections

Adams was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In the week following the January 6th, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, Adams stated, “I hope he [Trump] declares marshall law [sic] and uses the military to get to the bottom of all this cheating. They know and have the proof. If it’s going down let’s get it over with.”

Throughout 2021, while Adams served as vice chair of the board, he promoted disinformation and conspiracies about the 2020 election and the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol.





Appointed

CLAUDE COOKE
Member—Pasquotank County Board of Elections

Cooke was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2022, Cooke voted against allowing Sunday voting in Pasquotank County, stating that, “On Sunday, it was accepted and became kind of tradition that that was God’s day... We, as a society and a culture, are getting more and more removed from our spirituality.”



Appointed

DANIEL LOCKLEAR
Member—Robeson County Board of Elections

Locklear was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In 2016, Locklear opposed allowing voting on Sundays in Robeson County.



Appointed

ERIC ELLER
Member—Watauga County Board of Elections

Eller was appointed by the State Board of Elections, with input from the state Republican Party.

In October 2020, Eller sought a judicial order to block an early voting site at the Appalachian State University student union. The effort was rejected.



15 Election Denying State Legislators Reelected; Zero Lost in General Election

The North Carolina Senate has 50 members who are elected to two-year terms. The House of Representatives has 120 members who are elected to two-year terms.

Informing Democracy identified 15 state legislators who won reelection in 2022 who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. This group includes three Senators and 12 Representatives. One election denying legislator lost in the 2022 primary, while one retired (93.75% reelection rate).

Notably, House Speaker Tim Moore went to Pennsylvania after the 2020 election to attend a “ballot count oversight and elections integrity effort.” Also, election denier Keith Kidwell leads the legislature’s Freedom Caucus.



Here are the officials who provoked concern due to anti-democratic actions or tendencies:



BOBBY HANIG
North Carolina State Senator—Senate
District Three

Term Expires: 2025

Hanig was elected to the State Senate in 2022, winning with 53%. He won the 2022 GOP primary unopposed.

In November 2021, then-State Representative Hanig signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



W. TED ALEXANDER
North Carolina State Senator—Senate
District 44

Term Expires: 2025

Alexander won reelection in 2022, winning the general election without opposition. He won the 2022 GOP primary unopposed.

In November 2021, Senator Alexander signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



TIMOTHY MOFFIT
North Carolina State Senator—Senate
District 48

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Moffit won reelection with 65%. He won the 2022 GOP primary without opposition.

In November 2021, Senator Moffit signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.





Term Expires: 2025

EDWARD GOODWIN
North Carolina State Representative—
House District One

In 2022, Goodwin was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative Goodwin signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



Term Expires: 2025

WAYNE SASSER
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 67

In 2022, Sasser was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative Sasser signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



Term Expires: 2025

HARRY WARREN
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 76

In 2022, Warren was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative Warren signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.





Term Expires: 2025

KEITH KIDWELL
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 79

In 2022, Kidwell was reelected without opposition in the general election. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 83.30%.

In November 2021, Representative Kidwell signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states. Kidwell also pushed to inspect North Carolina voting machines to see if they contain modems.



Term Expires: 2025

SAM WATFORD
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 80

Watford was reelected in 2022, winning the general election with 78%. He won the 2022 GOP primary without opposition.

In November 2021, Representative Watford signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



Term Expires: 2025

JEFFREY McNEELY
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 84

In 2022, McNeely was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative McNeely signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.





MITCHELL SETZER
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 89

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Setzer was reelected without opposition in the general election. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 57.19%.

In November 2021, Representative Setzer signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



JAY ADAMS
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 96

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Adams was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative Adams signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



DONNIE LOFTIS
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 109

Term Expires: 2025

In 2022, Loftis was reelected with 61%. He won the 2022 GOP primary with 33.69% of the vote.

In November 2021, Representative Loftis signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.

Loftis was present at the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, where he claimed he “got gassed three times and was at the entrance when they breached the door.”





Term Expires: 2025

KELLY HASTINGS
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 110

In 2022, Hastings was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2021, Representative Hastings signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.



Term Expires: 2025

TIM MOORE
North Carolina Speaker of the House of
Representatives—House District 111

In 2022, Moore was reelected without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

Within one week of the 2020 presidential election, Moore promoted a “ballot count oversight and elections integrity effort” that he attended that occurred in Pennsylvania.



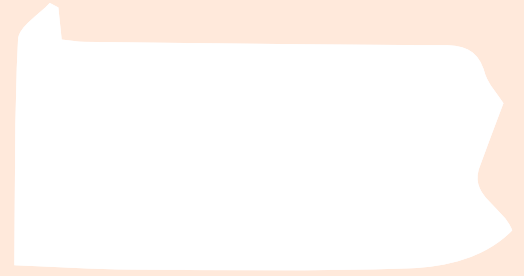
Term Expires: 2025

MIKE CLAMPITT
North Carolina State Representative—
House District 119

In 2022, Clampitt was reelected with 54%. He won the GOP primary running unopposed.

In November 2021, Representative Clampitt signed on to a letter calling for a national audit of the “corrupted” 2020 election because of alleged “fraud and inaccuracies” in several states.





Pennsylvania

Quick Summary:

- **36 local officials across 22 counties provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions. One county (Luzerne) didn't certify the 2022 election until ordered to do so by a state judge.**
- **27 election deniers serve in state legislature; over 91% of those who ran in 2022 were reelected.**

Anti-democratic activity by officials responsible for administering elections in Pennsylvania included serving as a fake elector for Donald Trump, attempting to exclude mail-in ballots, praising the January 6, 2021, “Stop the Steal” rally, calling on Vice President Pence to delay certification of the 2020 election, promoting election conspiracy theories, supporting the full hand-counting of ballots, voting against certifying valid election results, calling prior elections unlawful, allowing third parties access to voting machines, firing career elections officials, and opposing the use of ballot drop boxes.



36 Local Officials Across 22 Counties Provoke Concern Due to Anti-Democratic Tendencies or Actions, One County Attempted to Stop Certification of 2022 Elections

At the local level in Pennsylvania, election authority rests with a combination of elected and appointed officials:

- **County Boards of Elections:** The County Boards of Elections are the officials responsible for election administration on the county level. They are generally elected directly by the voters and, in non-home-rule counties and Philadelphia, are made up of County Commissioners. In home-rule counties, the County Board of Elections is sometimes composed of members of the county's legislative body. They have a range of responsibilities and powers, including to set policies and issue interpretive guidance for the county; hire staff; sort and process absentee and mail-in ballots; compute, canvass and certify results; investigate fraud; and instigate and conduct recounts.
- **County Commissioners:** The County Boards of Elections in non-home rule counties and Philadelphia are composed of County Commissioners or individuals performing the duties of County Commissioners.
- **County Councils:** In some home-rule counties, the County Board of Elections is composed of or selected by County Council members. Specifics are outlined in the county's home-rule charter or administrative code.
- **Chief Clerks:** The Chief Clerk or Election Director has a significant operational and decision-making role in many counties. However, they are under the supervision of the County Board.

Out of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, the elections in nine counties are overseen by at least two members of the County Board of Elections, County Commission, or County Council, who promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections: Berks, Columbia, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Lancaster, Luzerne, Lycoming, and Westmoreland.

In the most recent elections of 2022, the Luzerne County Board of Elections voted against certification of the results. After some delay, the Board voted to certify the election in a 3-2 vote, with two Republican members in opposition.



Here are the officials who provoked concern, beginning with elected local officials and proceeding to state officials:



Term Expires: 2024

SAMUEL DEMARCO
Allegheny County Council, Member At-Large

DeMarco was reelected as an at-large member in 2019 finishing second with 35.19% of the vote. DeMarco ran unopposed in the Republican primary.

DeMarco was a member of the Trump slate of fake electors following the 2020 election. He serves as the Chairman of the Republican Committee of Allegheny County.



Term Expires: 2024

DANIEL CAMP III
Beaver County Commissioner

Camp won election in 2019 by finishing first in a four-way race with 24.45% of the vote. Camp finished second in the GOP primary with 46.97% of the vote.

Camp endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022, a fake Trump 2020 elector who called for a "full forensic audit" of Pennsylvania ballots.





Term Expires: 2024

CHRISTIAN LEINBACH
Berks County Commissioner

Leinbach was the top vote-getter with 39,122 votes in a four-way race in 2019, 37.39% of the total. He received the most votes, 9,821, in the Republican primary.

In 2022, Leinbach defended the county's initial refusal to count primary election mail-in ballots that were sent without a date. A state judge later ordered the ballots to be counted. Leinbach voted to hire an individual as the county's election services director who previously worked for a State Representative who called for the 2020 election to be overturned. Leinbach also endorsed Lou Barletta's candidacy for Governor of Pennsylvania. Barletta was a fake Trump elector who called for a "full forensic audit" of Pennsylvania's 2020 ballots.



Term Expires: 2024

MICHAEL RIVERA
Berks County Commissioner

Rivera finished second in a four-way race in 2019, receiving 35,083 votes. He received the second most votes in the Republican primary with 8,911.

Rivera defended Berks County's initial refusal to count primary election mail-in ballots that were sent without a date. He also voted to hire a county election services director who previously worked for a State Representative who supported overturning the 2020 election. Rivera endorsed Lou Barletta, a fake Trump elector, for Pennsylvania Governor in 2022.





Term Expires: 2024

AMY WEBSTER
Blair County Commissioner

Webster received the highest vote total in the 2019 for reelection, finishing with 14,920, nearly 700 more than her fellow Republican commissioner Bruce Erb. In the primary, she received 32.65% of the vote, nearly 2,000 more votes than the second place finisher.

In 2022, Webster said, “the integrity of elections must be restored—if it is not, this nation will be torn apart by distrust.” On January 6, 2021, Webster posted on Facebook, “Prayers for a safe trip for all those folks who will be participating in the rally today in D.C. Enjoy the day and the patriotism generated!”





Term Expires: 2024

DOUG McLINKO

Bradford County Commissioner

McLinko was the second-highest vote-getter with 35.73%. He received the most votes in the GOP primary that year.

In September 2022, McLinko met with Donald Trump to discuss Pennsylvania's voting processes, saying, "I went to this meeting to represent the people of Bradford County. I was thankful for the meeting to tell him about Pennsylvania and how messed up the voting is." He continued, "the guy is terrific and he appreciates the fight we are putting up. He appreciated me for the lawsuit and that we fought the fight for integrity in elections. It wasn't about him or about me; it was about the future of Pennsylvania."

The previous month, McLinko said, "our election officials and those of surrounding counties are excellent at their jobs. The problem is Philadelphia." In March 2022, McLinko was recorded saying, "Donald Trump did not lose Pennsylvania. He did not lose Pennsylvania."

In July 2021, McLinko hosted a rally on behalf of Steve Bannon at his home. He said it was not "about overturning an election, which many people may think. What it really is is to get integrity and competence back into our voting system that many across Pennsylvania feel Act 77 destroyed."

McLinko attended the January 6th rally in Washington, D.C., saying it "was upbeat, it was fun. We were there to support our country and our constitution."





Term Expires: 2024

LESLIE OSCHE Butler County Commissioner

Osche received the most votes in the 2019 election. She also received the most votes in the 2019 GOP primary election.

In 2022, Osche said Pennsylvania's Act 77 "undermines the election process" and "centralized it with an eye toward manipulating the outcome." Earlier that year, Osche invited members of Audit the Vote PA to a public meeting to discuss elections administration. In 2021, Osche was named to GOP gubernatorial candidate Lou Barletta's Election Integrity Advisory Panel. Barletta was a fake Trump elector.



Term Expires: 2024

WAYNE NOTHSTEIN Carbon County Commissioner

Nothstein received the most votes in the 2019 election. He was the highest vote-getter in the primary, winning 27.20% of votes cast.

In 2022, Nothstein endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022, a fake Trump 2020 elector.





Term Expires: 2024

MICHELLE KICHLINE
Chester County Commissioner

Kichline finished third in a four-way race in the 2019 general election, winning her seat over fellow GOP candidate Terence Farrell by less than 1%. She finished second in the GOP primary with 47% of the vote.

Kichline voted against certifying the 2021 primary and general election and called for a complete recount of the results.



Term Expires: 2024

CHRIS YOUNG
Columbia County Commissioner

The election results from 2019 were not publicly available on the county website.

Young endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022, a fake Trump 2020 elector. Young co-chaired Barletta's Panel on Election Integrity in 2021.



Term Expires: 2024

RICH RIDGWAY
Columbia County Commissioner

The election results from 2019 were not publicly available on the county website.

Ridgway endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022, a fake Trump 2020 elector.





Term Expires: 2024

DAVE LOHR
Fayette County Commissioner

The election results from 2019 were not publicly available on the county website.

In 2022, Lohr, who had endorsed fake Trump elector Lou Barletta in the primary, said he was “working hard to get” Doug Mastriano elected Governor.

In 2022, Lohr also said the conservative Thomas More Society was representing Fayette County in its legal battle with the state over whether to count some mail ballots from the spring elections.

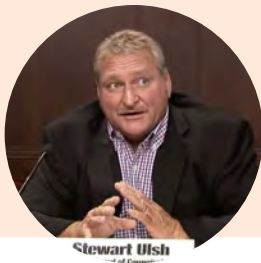


Term Expires: 2024

SCOTT DUNN
Fayette County Commissioner

The election results from 2019 were not publicly available on the county website.

Dunn voted not to certify the 2022 primary election in Fayette County after refusing to count 52 mail-in votes. He said, “the bottom line is, we’re just tired of everything changing. You change how you count. It’s not just this election. It’s every election. It’s after the fact.”



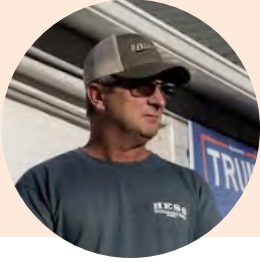
Term Expires: 2024

STUART ULSH
Fulton County Commissioner

Ullsh was the top vote-getter in the 2019 election, receiving 2,046 votes. He received the most votes in the GOP primary, winning with 24.71% of the vote.

In 2021, Fulton County allowed an inspection of its voting machines by a third-party contractor as part of an “audit” of the 2020 election. The contractor had previously worked on the election audit in Arizona. Ullsh said he didn’t know who paid for the inspection and, as a result of it, Pennsylvania’s Secretary of State decertified the county’s voting machines.





Term Expires: 2024

RANDY BUNCH

Fulton County Commissioner

Bunch finished second in the 2019 election. He also finished second in the GOP primary, though he was more than 6% ahead of the third place finisher.

Bunch voted for Fulton County to allow a third party to access its voting machines, which Bunch observed, leading to the county having to replace the machines. Bunch also attended the January 6 “Stop the Steal” rally in Washington, D.C.



Term Expires: 2024

MIKE BELDING

Greene County Commissioner

Belding was the top vote-getter in the 2019 general election, winning 29.5%. He received 41.6% of GOP primary votes, finishing second but ahead of third place by more than 30%.

In 2020, Belding and the Greene County Commission fired the county’s election director, Tina Kiger, only weeks before the election. Kiger “said she felt her integrity and that of the office was constantly questioned” by the GOP members of the county Commission.

In 2023, Belding faced criminal charges after he was accused “of not following protocols” in the “casting of lots,” which determines the ballot order of candidates. Belding conducted the event without the majority of Board of Election members and without properly publicizing the event details.





Term Expires: 2024

BETSY MCCLURE
Greene County Commissioner

McClure finished second in 2019 with 28.4% of the vote. She received the most votes, 2,456, in the primary election.

In 2020, McClure and the Greene County Commission fired the county's election director, Tina Kiger, only weeks before the election. Kiger "said she felt her integrity and that of the office was constantly questioned" by the GOP members of the county Commission.



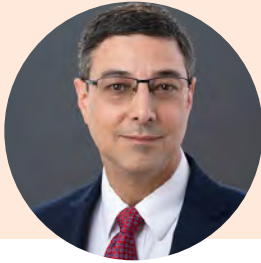
Term Expires: 2024

CHRIS CHERMAK
Lackawanna County Commissioner

Chermak finished third in a four-way race in 2019 with 23.39% of the vote. He received the most votes in the GOP primary with 36.66%.

In 2021, Chermak claimed he received an anonymous tip that "someone had allegedly placed two handfuls of ballots in the dropbox at the government center." He argued that it was, "proof that my concerns were legitimate."





Term Expires: 2024

RAY D'AGOSTINO
Lancaster County Commissioner

D'Agostino finished second in a three-way race in 2019. He received the second most votes in the GOP primary.

In May 2022, D'Agostino blamed ballot printing errors in Lancaster County on Act 77 even though the errors were the responsibility of the county's vendor. Later that year, after attending an election integrity conference, D'Agostino tried to remove Lancaster County's single ballot drop box, drawing praise from Audit the Vote PA. The conference D'Agostino attended was hosted by Clea Mitchell, an attorney who attempted to overturn the outcome of the 2020 election.



Term Expires: 2024

JOSHUA PARSONS
Lancaster County Commissioner

Parsons was the highest vote-getter in the 2019 election.

After the 2020 election, Parsons reportedly met with Audit the Vote PA members and suggested that they obtain affidavits from people who reported election anomalies in 2020. Parsons joined with Ray D'Agostino in trying to remove Lancaster County's single ballot drop box.



Term Expires: 2024

CARL BIENIAS
Luzerne County Council

Bienias was appointed to the in 2022 to replace Walter Griffith. He previously ran in 2021, finishing seventh when five were nominated.

Bienias voted for an ordinance to prohibit county employees or contractors from handling or transporting ballot drop boxes. He also voted against the county purchasing a ballot-sorting system to process mail-in ballots; the purchase was approved on a 6-5 vote.





Term Expires: 2026

BRIAN THORNTON
Luzerne County Council

Thornton was elected to the Luzerne County Council in 2021.

Thornton voted for an ordinance to prohibit county employees or contractors from handling or transporting ballot drop boxes. He also voted against the county purchasing a ballot-sorting system to process mail-in ballots; the purchase was approved on a 6-5 vote.



Term Expires: 2026

KEVIN LESCAVAGE
Luzerne County Council

Lescavage finished fourth in the 2021 election for Luzerne County Council. Five candidates were elected.

Lescavage voted for an ordinance to prohibit county employees or contractors from handling or transporting ballot drop boxes. He also voted against the county purchasing a ballot-sorting system to process mail-in ballots; the purchase was approved on a 6-5 vote.



Term Expires: 2026

GREGORY WOLOVICH
Luzerne County Council

Wolovich finished fifth in the 2021 election for Luzerne County Council.

Wolovich voted for an ordinance to prohibit county employees or contractors from handling or transporting ballot drop boxes. He also voted against the county purchasing a ballot-sorting system to process mail-in ballots; the purchase was approved on a 6-5 vote.





Term Expires: 2024

STEPHEN URBAN
Luzerne County Council

Urban received 9.35% of the vote in 2019, finishing third in the general election where six candidates were elected to office.

In 2022, Urban proposed an ordinance to ban ballot drop boxes, drawing questions from the Chair of the County Elections Board who said it was “a blatant interference with and obstruction of” the Elections Board. The same year, Urban called for a referendum to repeal a ban on elected officials serving on the County Elections Board. He also voted against the county purchasing a ballot-sorting system to process mail-in ballots; the purchase was approved on a 6-5 vote. In 2021, Urban was appointed as the chairman of the County Elections Board by two sitting members, leading the County Council to remove those members from their positions.

In 2020, Urban encouraged the electoral board to not certify election results in the county, saying, “I am questioning the process from the beginning.” Urban claimed that hundreds of mail-in ballots were sent out-of-state rather than absentee ballots.



Appointed

ALYSSA FUSARO
Luzerne County Board of Elections

Fusaro was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

Prior to her appointment, Fusaro stated to the County Council in public comment that “ballot drop boxes are not in our best interests and I’m against them, and I’m going to lay it right out there for you: we shouldn’t have them.” Fusaro repeatedly voted against certifying the 2022 election.





Appointed

JAMES MANGAN
Luzerne County Board of Elections

Mangan was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

Mangan repeatedly voted against certifying the 2022 election.



Term Expires: 2024

SCOTT METZGER
Lycoming County Commissioner

Metzger was the highest vote-getter in the 2019 general election for Lycoming County Commission.

In 2022, Metzger initially supported a county-wide referendum to challenge the continued use of an electronic vote tabulation system, until he was informed he lacked the authority to put forward the referendum.



Term Expires: 2024

TONY MUSSARE
Lycoming County Commissioner

Mussare finished second in a four-way race for Lycoming County Commission in 2019.

In 2022, Mussare initially supported a county-wide referendum to challenge the continued use of an electronic vote tabulation system, until he was informed he lacked the authority to put forward the referendum. He also joined Lycoming County Patriots and said it was undeniable that election laws were not followed by the state in 2020.





Term Expires: 2024

JOE GALE
Montgomery County Commissioner

Gale finished third in the 2019 Montgomery County Commissioner race.

Gale voted against certifying the 2020 and 2021 election results. In 2022, he said, "I've opposed everything associated with mail-in voting." He also said, "we have to fix our election laws in Pennsylvania, that are blatantly unconstitutional."

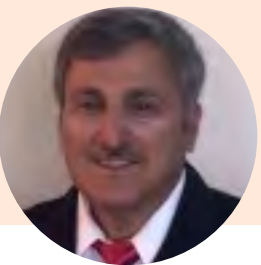


Term Expires: 2026

JOHN GOFFREDO
Northampton County Commissioner

Goffredo finished fourth among the five candidates in 2021. He finished second in the GOP primary.

In 2021, Goffredo said, "I believe drop boxes and undeniably easy access to ballots will do nothing but make our election integrity weaker. I would support voter IDs with every ballot, which would then be turned in to the county courthouse to county employees."



Term Expires: 2024

SAM SCHICCATANO
Northumberland County Commissioner

Schiccatano was the highest vote-getter in 2019. He received the most votes in the GOP primary.

Schiccatano endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022. Barletta was a fake Trump elector who called for a "full forensic audit" of Pennsylvania ballots.





Term Expires: 2024

NICK SHERMAN

Washington County Commissioner

Sherman finished third in a four-way race for the Washington County Commission in 2019.

In 2022, Sherman said his office helped a local “patriot group” prepare petitions for referendums to end the use of electronic voting machines in Pennsylvania. He also said in a public hearing that he “absolutely” believed fraud occurred in the 2020 election and that it should “absolutely” be audited. Sherman said the audits should happen in Washington County but also in Allegheny and Philadelphia counties because that was where “the real fraud took place.”



Term Expires: 2026

SEAN KERTES

Westmoreland County Commissioner

Kertes received the most votes in the 2019 general election for Westmoreland County Commission.

Kertes voted for Westmoreland County to only have one ballot drop box for the 2022 primary elections. In 2021, Kertes was one of the three commissioners named in a lawsuit filed by the county’s former Election Bureau Director in which she claimed she was “scapegoated” and discriminated against before she was fired. The former Director, JoAnn Sebastiani, claimed Kertes ordered her to switch her voter registration from Democrat to Republican because the Commissioners were getting “heat” over her party affiliation.

In 2020, Kertes and another commissioner declined to count mail-in ballots that were improperly dated or arrived nine minutes late due to a USPS delay.





Term Expires: 2024

DOUG CHEW
Westmoreland County Commissioner

Chew finished second in the 2019 general election for Westmoreland County Commission.

In 2022, Chew voted to have only one mail-in ballot drop box in Westmoreland County for the primary election. In 2021, Chew testified before a Pennsylvania Senate committee and claimed that 20,000 Westmoreland county residents were potentially disenfranchised by mail-in voting and argued that “a lot of Westmoreland County voters view mail-in ballots as very ripe for fraudulent activity.”

In 2020, Chew and another commissioner declined to count mail-in ballots that were improperly dated or arrived nine minutes late due to a USPS delay.



Term Expires: 2024

RICHARD WILBUR
Wyoming County Commissioner

Election results from 2019 were not publicly available on the county website.

Wilbur endorsed Lou Barletta for Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022. Barletta was a fake Trump elector who called for a “full forensic audit” of Pennsylvania’s 2020 ballots.



27 Election Denying State Legislators Reelected, Four Retire, and Zero Lost in General Election

Informing Democracy identified 27 election denying state legislators who currently serve in the Pennsylvania state legislature. This group includes nine State Senators, six of whom were not up for reelection in 2022, and 18 Representatives. Six legislators who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies did not return after the 2022 elections, with two losing in the Republican primaries and four retiring (91.30% reelection rate).

State Senators in Pennsylvania face staggered reelection every four years, such that half of the Senators face reelection every two years. Representatives face reelection every two years. The Pennsylvania General Assembly contains 50 Senators and 203 Representatives.

Here are the officials who provoked concern:



CRIS DUSH
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 25

Term Expires: 2025

Dush was elected in 2020 with 74.4% of the vote. He won the Republican nomination with 59% of the vote in the primary.

Dush signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Dush co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





Term Expires: 2027

KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 28

Phillips-Hill won reelection in 2022 with 65.6% of the vote in the general election. She ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

Phillips-Hill signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



Term Expires: 2025

DAVE ARGALL
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 29

In 2020, Argall ran unopposed in both the general and primary elections.

Argall signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



Term Expires: 2027

JUDY WARD
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 30

Ward won reelection in 2022 with 75.4% of the vote after winning the GOP primary unopposed.

Ward signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”





MIKE REGAN
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 31

Term Expires: 2025

Regan was reelected in 2020, winning 60.5% of the vote. He ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

Regan signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



DOUG MASTRIANO
Pennsylvania State Senate—Senate District 33

Term Expires: 2025

Mastriano was elected in a special election in 2019. He won with 68.5% of the vote before being reelected to a full term in 2020 with 68.6%. He ran unopposed in the 2020 GOP primary.

Mastriano supported election-fraud claims about the 2020 presidential election and was on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. Previously, he claimed, “there is election fraud in Pennsylvania and denying it won’t make it go away.”

Mastriano signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



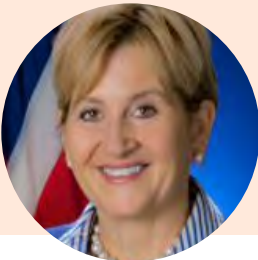


GREG ROTHMAN
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 34

Term Expires: 2027

Rothman won election in 2022 with 62.9% of the general election vote. He won the GOP nomination with 68.1%.

Rothman co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



KIM WARD
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 39

Term Expires: 2025

Ward was reelected in 2020 with 67.6% of the vote. She ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

Ward signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



JOE PITTMAN
Pennsylvania State Senator—Senate District 41

Term Expires: 2025

Pittman won reelection in 2020, when he received 72.8% of the vote. Pittman ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

Pittman signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”





BRAD ROAE
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District Six

Term Expires: 2025

Roae won reelection in 2022 with 68% of the vote. He was unopposed in the GOP primary.

Roae signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Roae also co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



AARON BERNSTINE
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District Eight

Term Expires: 2025

Bernstine was elected in 2022, running unopposed in the general election. He won a three-way primary for the GOP nomination with 49% of the vote, with his closest competitor finishing with 41.1%.

Bernstine signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”





Term Expires: 2025

DONALD “BUD” COOK
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 50

Cook won election in 2022 with 61.3% of the vote. He ran unopposed in the Republican primary election.

Cook co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



Term Expires: 2025

ERIC NELSON
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 57

Nelson won reelection in 2022 running unopposed in both the general and primary elections.

Nelson co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



Term Expires: 2025

ERIC DAVANZO
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 58

Davanzo won reelection in 2022 with 62.6% of the vote in the general election. He ran unopposed for the GOP nomination.

Davanzo signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”





BRIAN SMITH
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 66

Term Expires: 2025

Smith won reelection in 2022 after running unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

Smith signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



JIM RIGBY
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 71

Term Expires: 2025

Rigby was reelected in 2022, running unopposed in both the general and primary elections.

Rigby signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”



STEPHANIE BOROWICZ
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 76

Term Expires: 2025

Borowicz was reelected in 2022 with 66.7% of the general election vote. She was unopposed in the 2022 GOP primary.

Borowicz signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Borowicz co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





Term Expires: 2025

DAVID ROWE
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 85

Rowe was reelected in 2022, running unopposed in both general and primary elections.

Rowe signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Rowe co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



Term Expires: 2025

ROB KAUFFMAN
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 89

Kauffman won reelection in 2022, running unopposed in both general and primary elections.

Kauffman signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Kauffman co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



Term Expires: 2025

PAUL SCHEMEL
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 90

Schemel won reelection in 2022 running unopposed in both general and primary elections.

Schemel co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





DAN MOUL
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 91

Term Expires: 2025

Moul was reelected in 2022, receiving 63.2% of the vote in the general election. He ran unopposed in the GOP primary.

Moul signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Moul co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



DAWN KEEFER
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 92

Term Expires: 2025

Keefer was reelected in 2022 with 68.6% of the vote in the general election after running unopposed in the primary.

Keefer signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Keefer co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





MIKE JONES
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 93

Term Expires: 2025

Jones was reelected in 2022 with 61.5% of the vote in the general election after running unopposed in the Republican primary.

Jones signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Jones co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



DAVID ZIMMERMAN
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 99

Term Expires: 2025

Zimmerman was reelected in 2022 with 70.7% of the vote after running unopposed in the GOP Primary.

Zimmerman signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Zimmerman co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





RUSS DIAMOND
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 102

Term Expires: 2025

Diamond was reelected in 2022 with 69.4% of the vote after running unopposed in the GOP primary.

Diamond signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Diamond co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”



DAVID MALONEY
Pennsylvania State Representative—
House District 130

Term Expires: 2025

Maloney was reelected in 2022, running unopposed in both the general and primary elections.

Maloney signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Maloney co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





BARBARA GLEIM
Pennsylvania State Representative—House
District 199

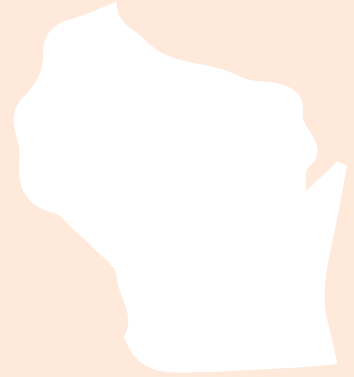
Term Expires: 2025

Gleim was reelected in 2022 with 60.8% of the general election vote after running unopposed in the primary election.

Gleim signed a letter dated January 5, 2021, addressed to Vice President Pence asking him to postpone certifying the 2020 election, “affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election.”

Gleim co-sponsored a resolution “declaring the results of the statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute.”





Wisconsin

Quick Summary:

- **Three local officials from three counties and cities provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or actions.**
- **11 election denying state legislators reelected; zero defeated (100% reelection rate).**

Anti-democratic activity by officials responsible for administering elections in Wisconsin included calling on Vice President Pence to delay certification of the 2020 election results, promoting conspiracy theories about the 2020 election, and supporting full hand recount audits of undisputed election results.



Three Local Officials Across Three Jurisdictions Provoked Concern Due to Anti-Democratic Tendencies or Actions

At the local level in Wisconsin, election administration is shared between counties and municipalities, and authority rests with a combination of elected and appointed officials:

- **Municipal Governing Bodies:** Members of these bodies appoint or function as the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk is the primary entity responsible for election administration for their respective city, town, or village, and holds most of the direct oversight of responsibility for polling place and absentee count activities. The exception is Milwaukee, where a Municipal Board of Election Commissioners fills the role of the Municipal Clerk.
- **Municipal Clerks:** The Municipal Clerk is the primary entity responsible for election administration for their respective city, town, or village, and holds most of the direct oversight of polling place and absentee count activities. The exception is Milwaukee, where a Municipal Board of Election Commissioners fills the role of the Municipal Clerk.
- **County Clerks:** The County Clerk oversees the county canvass, assists the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) with training election officers, issues certificates of election for county-level offices, and works with the WEC and the Municipal Clerks to conduct recounts.

Informing Democracy prioritized the review of Municipal Governing Body members, Municipal Clerks, and County Clerks in 13 key municipalities and the 72 counties in Wisconsin.

Among those municipalities and counties reviewed, elections in three jurisdictions are overseen by one officeholder who has sought to restrict access to voting, promoted election conspiracies, or who otherwise undermined faith in the vote-counting process in past elections: Kenosha City, Milwaukee County, and Milwaukee City.



Here are the officials who provoked concern, beginning with elected local officials and proceeding to state officials:



Term Expires: 2025

ROCCO LAMACCHIA, SR.
Kenosha City Alderman

LaMacchia won reelection in 2022 without opposition in the general election or the GOP primary.

In November 2020, LaMacchia, Sr., posted an image that read “How come we never find missing Republican ballots???” He also shared a video titled, “Detroit workers block several windows, prevents [sic] observers from watching absentee ballot counting,” and noted, “if you believe there was no fraud I have a bridge for sale.”



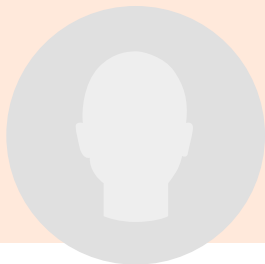
Appointed

HELMUT FRITZ
Milwaukee County Election Commission

Fritz was appointed by the County Executive.

On November 11, 2020, Fritz shared a debunked conspiracy theory about the Electoral College, adding “Contrary to the prevailing press, this is the actual, current, electoral count with prevailing lawsuits. This per the Epoch Times Newspaper. Thankfully, it isn't the press that declares an incoming presidency.”





Appointed

DOUGLAS HAAG
Milwaukee City Election Commission

Haag shared a post claiming a “known ANTIFA member” was paid \$70,000 for a video of January 6th, claiming “FBI = Deep State.” He posted a video of a police officer waving people through a barricade near the Capitol on January 6th, commenting, “Hmm interesting to say the least.” In November 2020, Haag shared a post that read: “Dominion’s. Buy 1 vote get 75,000 free (4 A.M. delivery only).”



11 Election Denying State Legislators Reelected, Zero Lost Reelection

Informing Democracy identified 11 Wisconsin state legislators who were reelected who provoked concern about anti-democratic actions due to their participation in a campaign to pressure the Vice President to delay the certification of the 2020 presidential election. Four additional legislators that provoked similar concerns retired in 2022 and zero were defeated in their reelection attempts.

The Wisconsin State Senate comprises 33 members, while the Assembly contains 99 members. State Senators serve a term of four years, while Assembly members serve a two-year term.

Here are the officials who provoked concern:



Term Expires: 2027

ANDRE JACQUE
Wisconsin State Senator—Senate District One

Jacque was reelected in 2022.

Jacque was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

SHAE SORTWELL
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly District Two

Sortwell won reelection in 2022 with 59% of the vote. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Sortwell was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 Presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.





Term Expires: 2025

JANEL BRANDTJEN
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 22

Brandtjen won reelection with 65% of the vote. She won the GOP primary unopposed.

In 2022, Brandtjen sued the Wisconsin Election Commission to prevent counting military ballots after she received three military ballots using fake names from a Milwaukee election official.

Brandtjen was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

DAN KNODL
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 24

Knodl won reelection with 61% of the vote. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Knodl was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 Presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

GAE MAGNAFICI
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 28

Magnafici won reelection with 62% of the vote. She won the GOP primary unopposed.

Magnafici was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.





Term Expires: 2025

JEFF MURSAU
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 36

Mursau won reelection with 70% of the vote. He was unopposed in the GOP primary.

Mursau was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 Presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

MICHAEL SCHRAA
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 53

Schraa won reelection after running unopposed. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Schraa was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

DAVE MURPHY
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 56

Murphy won reelection with 59% of the vote. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Murphy was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 Presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.





Term Expires: 2025

RICK GUNDRUM
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 58

Gundrum won reelection with 70% of the vote. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Gundrum was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

ROBERT BROOKS
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 60

Brooks won reelection with 65% of the vote.

Brooks was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 Presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Term Expires: 2025

CHUCK WICHGERS
Wisconsin Assemblyperson—Assembly
District 82

Wichgers won reelection in 2022 with 57% of the vote. He won the GOP primary unopposed.

Wichgers was one of 15 Wisconsin legislators who signed a letter to Vice President Pence dated January 5, 2021, asking him to delay certifying the 2020 presidential election for 10 days so state legislatures could investigate and vote on certifying results.



Appendix



Letter to the Vice President, Mike Pence, sent 01/05/2021

January 5, 2020

Vice President Michael R. Pence
Office of the Vice President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Pence:

The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.

The attached appendix summarizes the illegalities present in the 2020 election and provides evidence of a coordinated and structured multi-state effort to undermine state law protecting election integrity.

State legislative bodies have the constitutional authority and responsibility to determine the time, place and manner of elections and the selection of presidential electors. Yet, to date, we have been unable to fulfill those responsibilities in the 2020 Presidential election.

The refusal by state executive branch and local officials to comply with reasonable legislative investigation requests, as well as their obfuscation and intentional deception have prevented proper investigation. Moreover, in some instances, state executives have acted to prevent legislatures from meeting as a body and in Michigan, threatened legislators with criminal investigation for meeting to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities.

We intend on fulfilling our oaths of office by properly investigating and determining whether the election should be certified, or decertified, by our respective state legislatures. Additional time must be afforded for the legislatures to meet and for state legislators to fulfill their constitutional duties.

On January 6, 2021, you are statutorily authorized and required under the Electoral Count Act of 1887 to preside over both houses of Congress to count and record the Presidential electoral vote count to elect the President and Vice President of the United States. This congressionally set deadline, however, is not the supreme law of the land, and in fact must not supersede our state legislative authority under the Constitution. Moreover, the deadline is not necessitated by circumstances, especially when it truncates the fulfillment of our constitutional duties and our responsibility to the American people.

There are extensive and well-founded accusations of electoral administration mismanagement and deliberate and admitted violations of explicit election laws enacted by state legislatures in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Therefore, we write to ask you to comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on



certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.

American elections must be transparent, inclusive and produce results in which the American people have faith. The 2020 election, thus far, has failed in this respect. Your actions consistent with this request can repair this failing.

Sincerely,

Alexander, Julie	MI	Rep.	Cox, Jim	PA	Rep.
Argall, Dave	PA	Senator	Davanzo, Eric	PA	Rep.
Barr, Timothy	GA	Rep.	Diamond, Russ	PA	Rep.
Barto, Nancy	AZ	Rep.	Dunahoo, Emory	GA	Rep.
Barton, Brenda	AZ	Rep.	Dush, Cris	PA	Senator
Beach, Brandon	GA	Senator	Eisen, Gary	MI	Rep.
Bernstine, Aaron	PA	Rep.	Fillmore, John	AZ	Rep.
Bolick, Shawwna	AZ	Rep.	Finchem, Mark	AZ	Rep.
Borowicz, Stephanie	PA	Rep.	Gilligan, Sheri	GA	Rep.
Borrelli, Sonny	AZ	Senator	Gliem, Barbra	PA	Rep.
Borton, Ken	MI	Rep.	Gowan, David	AZ	Senator
Brandtjen, Janel	WI	Rep.	Grantham, Travis	AZ	Rep.
Brooks, Robert	PA	Rep.	Griffin, Beth	MI	Rep.
Brooks, Robert	WI	Rep.	Griffin, Gail	AZ	Rep.
Carra, Steve	MI	Rep.	Gundrum, Rick	WI	Rep.
Clark, David	GA	Rep.	Gurtler, Matt	GA	Rep.
Cook, Bud	PA	Rep.	Horlacher, Cody	WI	Rep.
Jones, Burt	GA	Senator	Jacque, André	WI	Senator
Jones, Jeff	GA	Rep.	Jones, Burt	GA	Senator
Jones, Mike	PA	Rep.	Jones, Jeff	GA	Rep.
Kasier, Steve	AZ	Rep.	Jones, Mike	PA	Rep.
Kauffman, Rob	PA	Rep.	Kasier, Steve	AZ	Rep.



Keefer, Dawn	PA	Rep.	Rendon, Daire	MI	Rep.
Kern, Anthony	AZ	Rep.	Rigby, Jim	PA	Rep.
Knodl, Dan	WI	Rep.	Roae, Brad	PA	Rep.
Langerholc Jr, Wayne	PA	Senator	Rowe, David	PA	Rep.
Ligon, William	GA	Senator	Ryan, Francis	PA	Rep.
Maddock, Matt	MI	Rep.	Sanfelippo, Joe	WI	Rep.
Magnafici, Gae	WI	Rep.	Schraa, Michael	WI	Rep.
Maloney, David	PA	Rep.	Silvis, Jason	PA	Rep.
Mastriano, Doug	PA	Senator	Singleton, Philip	GA	Rep.
Meerman, Luke	MI	Rep.	Smith, Brian	PA	Rep.
Metcalfe, Daryl	PA	Rep.	Sortwell, Shae	WI	Rep.
Montenegro, Steve	AZ	Senator	Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	WI	Rep.
Moul, Dan	PA	Rep.	Thompson, Bruce	GA	Senator
Murphy, Dave	WI	Rep.	Townsend, Kelly	AZ	Rep.
Mursau, Jeff	WI	Rep.	Ward, Judy	PA	Senator
Nelson, Eric	PA	Rep.	Ward, Kim	PA	Senator
Payne, Kevin	AZ	Rep.	Whiteford, Mary	MI	Rep.
Petersen, Warren	AZ	Senator	Wichgers, Chuck	WI	Rep.
Phillips-Hill, Kristin	PA	Senator	Wilmeth, Justin	AZ	Rep.
Pittman, Joe	PA	Senator	Wozniak, Doug	MI	Rep.
Pullin, Ken	GA	Rep.	Zimmerman, David	PA	Rep.
Puskaric, Michael	PA	Rep.			
Ramthun, Timothy	WI	Rep.			
Rapp, Kathy	PA	Rep.			
Regan, Mike	PA	Senator			
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MEMBER, APPROPRIATIONS
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AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

January 4, 2021

Members of the United States Congress,

Free and fair elections are essential to the long-term stability of our Republic. Numerous allegations surrounding the 2020 election have made a considerable portion of the American public call into question the legitimacy of the electoral process in Michigan and several other States. Given the imminent joint session of Congress to count and certify Electoral College votes we would ask you to temporarily delay certification in the name of national unity. Specifically, here in Michigan, 40 State Representatives and State Senators requested an independent audit of the November 2020 election before certification by the State Board of Canvassers, and that request was not respected.

We do not seek to overturn the will of the people. However, it is vital that the citizenry at-large be confident that the election results were accurate and free from misconduct, criminal or otherwise. Given the extraordinary level of public outrage surrounding the recent election we would request that the United States Congress and federal law enforcement, to the extent of their ability by law, conduct an objective and transparent investigation into credible allegations of misconduct in the 2020 election.

It is vital for the State of Michigan and our entire country that we work together to publicly answer credible allegations and restore confidence in our elections.

Respectfully,

John Bizon, M.D.
State Senator, 19th District

Tom Barrett
State Senator, 24th District

Kim LaSata
State Senator, 21st District

Roger Victory
State Senator, 30th District

Dale Zorn
State Senator, 17th District

Lana Theis
State Senator, 22nd District

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State Senator, 31st District

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State Senator, 25th District

Curt Vanderwall
State Senator, 35th District

CC: The Vice President

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Letter to the Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel, sent 06/15/2022



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June 15, 2022

Dear Attorney General Dana Nessel,

We write to you today urging you to investigate, and bring charges if credible evidence is found, the Secretary of State of Michigan, members of her office, and any organizations or individuals for crimes related to fraud committed in the 2020 election and crimes brought to light in the documentary *2000 Mules*.

There are various instances of suspicious activity by the Secretary of State and her office that have yet to be investigated by your office, including the following:

- Violation of MCL 168.759(3): The Secretary of State used 4.5 million dollars of CARES funds to recklessly mail absentee ballot applications to all registered voters not on the permanent absentee voter list.
- Violation of Administrative Procedures Act: The Secretary of State's directive issued to Michigan clerks in October 2020 to presume the accuracy of absentee ballot signatures was in contrast to state law as ruled by State Court of Claims Judge Christopher Murray.
- The reported lack of response to Freedom of Information Act requests made of the Secretary of State by voters and groups like the Michigan Grassroots Alliance related to the voter rolls, Canton Township's voters, and City of Detroit ballots.

With the recent release of the documentary *2000 Mules*, there is additional evidence of individuals (referred to as mules) who repeatedly would visit ballot dropboxes and deposit multiple ballots, allegedly for payment, in states with controversial elections in 2020, such as Georgia and Pennsylvania. One such instance included a "mule" in Atlanta visiting ballot dropboxes 28 times. Michigan was named as a state that had such mules influence the 2020 Presidential Election.

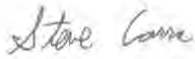
Additionally, we request you look into the role that non-profit organizations, run by individuals such as Mark Zuckerberg, played in the 2020 election. The receipt of nonprofit grant money by local clerks, and not the Secretary of State's Office, is uncharted territory, especially when the money is used for dropboxes. 7.6 million dollars was distributed among 19 municipalities from Zuckerberg's Center for Technology and Civic Life in the form of 474 grants, the most given to a state in the nation.

As the top legal officer in the State of Michigan, you are tasked with the enforcement of our state's laws. You have a statutory obligation to investigate reported violations of the law and we urge you to look into the new evidence brought forth in *2000 Mules* and to review the security of our elections.

We eagerly await your response and forthcoming investigation on this pressing issue and anticipate warranted prosecution given this pattern of controversial behavior.



Respectfully,



Steve Carra
State Representative
59th District



Bob Bezotte
State Representative
47th District



Brad Paquette
State Representative
78th District




Matt Hall
State Representative
63rd District



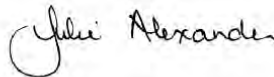
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State Representative
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Steve Johnson
State Representative
72nd District



John Reilly
State Representative
46th District



Matt Maddock
State Representative
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Andrew Beeler
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Letter to the Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, sent 11/16/2020



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Nov. 16, 2020

Jocelyn Benson
Michigan Secretary of State
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Secretary Benson,

As you are aware, the General Election has generated a great deal of interest and concern among the people of Michigan, with a record number of over 5.4 million Michiganders participating in the electoral process.

Every citizen deserves to have faith in the integrity of the election process and its outcome. It is our responsibility, as elected public servants, to assure the people of Michigan of the processes integrity through complete transparency and the faithful investigation of any allegations of wrongdoing, fraud or abuse.

Unfortunately, a number of serious allegations have been made which cannot and should not be ignored.

First, in Antrim County, an error caused thousands of Michigan ballots that were meant for some candidates to be wrongly counted for their opposing candidates. While this issue was identified and corrected after observers flagged the unlikelihood of the outcome, it is unclear whether this issue replicated itself elsewhere. Antrim is just one of 47 counties in Michigan that used the software system at issue, Dominion Voting Systems, to process their ballots. This is particularly concerning when at least one other secretary of state, specifically in Texas, refused to certify Dominion Voting Systems for use because the examiner could not verify that the system was "safe from fraudulent or unauthorized manipulation." This raises questions over whether there are fundamental flaws in the software itself.

Second, there are allegations that election officials critically mishandled numerous ballots, including:

- counted ineligible ballots;
- counted the same batches of ballots multiple times;
- instructed poll workers to backdate absentee ballots;
- counted late ballots after illicitly pre-dating them;
- used false information to process ballots, such as using incorrect or false birthdays and inserted new names into the QVF and recorded these new voters as having a birthdate of 1/1/1900;



- accepted ballots deposited in drop boxes after the deadline;
- duplicated ballots illegally;
- counted ballots even though the voter's name did not appear in the official voter rolls;
- ordered election workers to not verify voters' signatures on absentee ballots;
- barred poll challengers from observing the transposition and certification of absentee ballots that need to be transposed, including military ballots; and
- coached voters to vote for a particular candidate and party.

Finally, there are allegations of illegal and official intimidation and interference with lawful election challengers and poll watchers. Poll watchers are the cornerstone of our Election Day process to ensure accountability and oversight. Disrupting their access and preventing them from fulfilling their legal right and responsibilities is an infringement on the election process. The allegations include:

- harassment of challengers tolerated or perpetrated by election officials;
- denial of the opportunity to meaningfully observe the processing of ballots;
- arbitrary and unequal treatment of challengers;
- refusal to record challenges to their processes; and
- removal of challengers from the site if they voiced a challenge.

Each of these allegations is backed up by sworn affidavits of over 100 Michigan citizens, real people, willing to face legal consequences to their lives and livelihoods to stand by their assertions.

These claims deserve our full attention and diligent investigation to ensure fairness and transparency in our election process. We must take every possible step to ensure that all Michiganders, and all Americans, have confidence that the state of Michigan conducted this election with integrity and accuracy.

As such, and due directly to these issues, we are requesting that the secretary of state authorize a full, independent audit to be conducted to investigate each of the accusations listed above prior to the certification of any results. This independent audit should aim to achieve completion in a timely manner, certainly before Dec. 8, so that Michigan can fully participate when the electoral college meets on Dec. 14. The chief priority of this audit, however, should be to verify that our election law and processes were correctly administered and identify any illegality that may have taken place.

Because of the successful adoption of Proposal 3 in the midterm elections of 2018, Section 4 of our Michigan Constitution ensures that “every citizen of the United States who is an elector qualified to vote in Michigan” has the right to “have the results of statewide elections audited, in such a manner as prescribed by law, to ensure the accuracy and integrity of elections.” The Michigan Legislature proscribed this process in Public Act 116 of 1954.



Any fraudulently processed votes and unfair obstacles placed in front of legal poll challengers and watchers disenfranchise the lawful votes of every citizen of Michigan, regardless of their political affiliation.

Every legal vote must be counted.

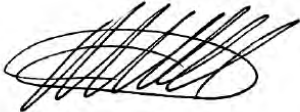
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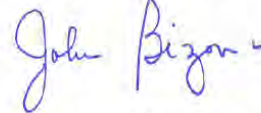
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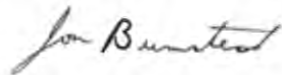
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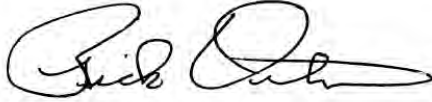


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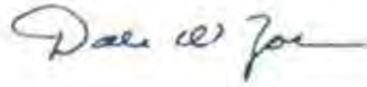


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State Senator, District 10





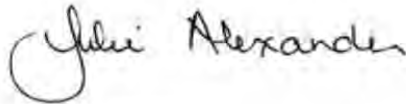
Rick Outman
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State Senator, District 17



Lynn Afendoulis
State Representative, District 73



Julie Alexander
State Representative, District 64



Sue Allor
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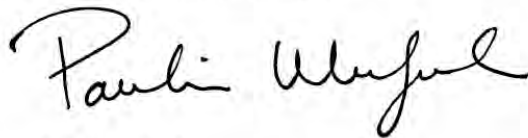
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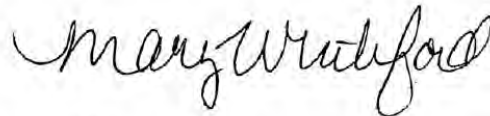
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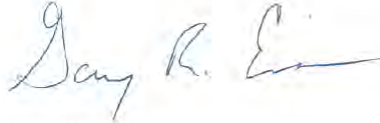


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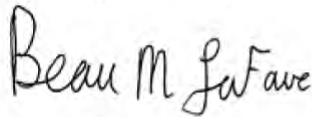
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