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Dear [Hart InterCivic CEO, Julie Mathis, 15500 Wells Port Drive, Austin, TX 78728]

I am writing to follow up on recent federal actions and evolving standards related to election technology. As a certified provider of voting systems in the United States, Hart InterCivic plays a critical role in safeguarding the integrity, security, and public trust in our electoral process.

Following the March 2025 Executive Order issued by President Trump, Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections, and the Election Assistance Commission’s (EAC) work to align national systems with VVSG 2.0 standards, I respectfully request your response to the following inquiries:

1. **Alignment with Executive Order and VVSG 2.0:**
How is Hart InterCivic ensuring that all currently deployed and future voting systems—including ballot marking devices (BMDs), tabulators, and electronic poll books—are fully compliant with VVSG 2.0 requirements and the mandates of the March 2025 Executive Order?
2. **Use of Barcodes and QR Codes:**I am of the understanding that your machines don’t use barcodes, but wanted to determine if you are planning on using barcodes or QR codes on ballots. If so, what specific steps are being taken to eliminate or replace such features to support voter-verifiable and fully auditable paper ballots?
3. **Recertification and System Updates:**What strategies is Hart InterCivic implementing to assist states and jurisdictions in recertifying existing equipment to meet VVSG 2.0 compliance? Are there system updates, software patches, or redesigned hardware models being made available to support this transition?
4. **Decertification and Client Support:**How is your company preparing to support election jurisdictions in transitioning away from equipment that may face decertification under the Executive Order? What lifecycle management, replacement plans, or transition resources is Hart offering to current customers?
5. **Foreign-Sourced Components in Election Systems:**Considering the designation of election systems as critical infrastructure and Executive Order 13873’s prohibition on components from adversarial nations, what efforts has Hart InterCivic undertaken to identify and eliminate foreign-manufactured components—particularly from countries such as China—in its tabulators, ballot printers, electronic poll books, election software, and related systems?
6. **Timeline for Compliance Before 2026 Primaries:**
What specific actions is Hart InterCivic taking to ensure all equipment deployed for the 2026 primary elections will be fully compliant with the March 2025 Executive Order? How is the company supporting jurisdictions with upgrades, replacements, and recertifications in time to meet this federal requirement?

As a key stakeholder in our nation’s election infrastructure, Hart InterCivic has an opportunity to lead by example in compliance, transparency, and innovation. I appreciate your thoughtful and timely response and look forward to continuing a constructive dialogue on building trusted election systems for the future.

Respectfully,

[YOUR NAME]