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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Objection to SOS Proposed Rules  
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Hello,

I want to write in and say that I object to the following proposed rules for elections and/or similarly worded rules:

- "Prohibits unauthorized imaging of voting equipment
- Creates a felony for tampering with voting equipment; unauthorized access to or facilitating unauthorized access to voting equipment; or knowingly publishing of voting system passwords online"

These rules seem to be a direct response to the current situation going on with Tina Peters. To the uninformed these proposed rules sound reasonable, but in reality, it bans the County Clerk from taking original records and then comparing them to the Trusted Build data from that same County. Obviously, this enhances potential for election fraud as it bars an elected official from being able to legally show proof of fraud. This rule's current terminology suggests the rule making body actually wants to give fraud an opportunity to flourish.

I recommend changing the language to reflect that elected officials are entitled to making a copy of the original data in order to validate the Trusted Build data. We all are interested in election integrity and we're aware of how important original data is in case of fraud. Please change the terminology.

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Regards,

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