



June 29, 2021

Dear Governor Ducey, President Fann, and Speaker Bowers:

The Election Advocacy Coalition, a coalition of Arizona and national democracy organizations, urges you, as leaders of Arizona, to use your authority to stop and publicly disavow all aspects of the election review scam of Maricopa County ballots cast in the 2020 election. The election review scam is nothing more than a futile and partisan attempt to reverse the will of the people and undermine confidence in our elections. Any leader that does not actively condemn the processes, procedures, and “findings” of the scam, tacitly supports its validity, and consequently sets a dangerous precedent for our democracy. Stand up like Republican Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer, and the Republican-led Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, and call this what it is, [“a grift disguised as an audit.”](#)

State election officials and Congress certified the results of the 2020 election months ago. Maricopa officials performed the initial count and a partial, statistically significant hand-recount, as well as commissioned two independent audits by companies certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to perform such audits. The purpose of the Senate’s election review scam has never been to resolve any real issues with the November election, but instead push forward a narrative of lies to try to undermine the security and integrity of

our elections. [Contemporaneous emails document this fact](#). Any effort to change the outcome or breed distrust in our voting systems is a doomed and desperate attempt to cling onto power. The people have spoken. We choose our leaders; politicians do not choose their voters.

The election review scam continues to be a circus conducted by a company without credible experience doing this work and a CEO who is clearly biased, having publicly supported conspiracy theories that the election was stolen. The lack of transparent and consistent procedures, and the insufficient security of ballots and election equipment, cannot result in any credible results. The processes employed by this inexperienced company failed to meet the most basic auditing standards and any “findings” that flow from it are irreversibly tainted and cannot inform legislative actions or future policy decisions for conducting our elections

The election review scam is deeply problematic because it is part of a broad assault on our democratic institutions, and is being used as an excuse to make damaging changes to voting procedures and election laws in a manner that has a disparate impact on voters of color. By supporting this election review scam (and, yes, your silence equals support), you are participating in an un-American propaganda effort specifically designed to damage our democracy and undermine the voices of all Arizona voters, particularly voters of color. To move forward as a nation, lawmakers must focus on what really matters: ensuring the freedom to vote for every American. We therefore urge you to end all activities related to this election review scam and call it out for what it truly is: a failed attempt to undermine trust in our democracy.

Sincerely,

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League of Women Voters Of Arizona
Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
Indivisible Arizona
Honest Arizona
Arizona Advocacy Network
Civic Engagement Beyond Voting
ACLU of Arizona
Protect Democracy
Mi Familia Vota
Our Voice Our Vote Arizona
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