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To: All Candidates Filing for Office
Subject: Campaign Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is an important part of voters' confidence in our democracy. In response to the growing emphasis on secure elections, the Office of the Secretary of State suggests consulting the following free resources and encourages candidates and their campaigns to consider their recommendations:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security offers a cybersecurity checklist for political campaigns:

https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/dhs_campaign_checklist_final_october.pdf

The FBI has produced the "Protected Voices" series of short videos for political campaigns on the subject of cybersecurity: <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/foreign-influence/protected-voices>

Researchers at Harvard University, in collaboration with bipartisan campaign professionals, national security experts, and leaders in cybersecurity from the public and private sector, created the Campaign Cybersecurity Playbook as a practical guide for candidates. <https://www.belfercenter.org/CyberPlaybook>

Finally, Meta Inc. has established Facebook Protect, a program for political candidates and their staffers to apply an extra level of security to their accounts:

<https://www.facebook.com/gpa/facebook-protect>