



OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD

October 5, 2021

LETTER FROM STATE ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY PAUL ZIRIAX

To the Honorable Members of the Oklahoma Senate and Oklahoma House of Representatives,

In recent weeks some of you have reached out to me after hearing from constituents regarding allegations made at a “Cyber Symposium” held in South Dakota in August, hosted by MyPillow® CEO Mike Lindell. A series of incredible claims were made at the “Cyber Symposium” regarding elections in Oklahoma and elsewhere – including that Oklahoma’s November 2020 Presidential General Election results in all 77 counties were electronically manipulated by cyber intruders. Data purporting to show evidence of the alleged cyber manipulation of our election results have now been published on Mr. Lindell’s “The Big Lie” website¹.

Upon an initial review the data posted on the website did not appear to be credible, but we nevertheless felt it was our duty to fully investigate it in order to protect the integrity and reputation of Oklahoma’s election system. Therefore, I requested an independent investigation by OMES’s Oklahoma Cyber Command, as well as a thorough internal review by the State Election Board’s staff and vendors.

I am pleased to report to you that following Cyber Command’s independent investigation and our own internal review, **the allegations posted on the website are entirely without merit.**

INTERNAL AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND FINDINGS

A table on the website² purports to show the following:

- The date and time of each alleged cyber intrusion.
- The “source IP” address of each alleged cyber intrusion, and its location.
- The “target IP” address of each site that was allegedly penetrated, and its location.
- A comparison of election results: The certified results (labeled “The Big Lie”) and the purported actual results (labeled “The Truth”).

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Oklahoma’s Chief Information Security Officer Matt Singleton’s report to me on Oklahoma Cyber Command’s official findings. In this report, Mr. Singleton notes, **“There is not now, nor has there been, any credible evidence of a cyber incident or event that could have interfered with the State of Oklahoma’s 2020 General Election.”** Mr. Singleton also discusses the numerous safeguards that were in place to protect against cyber intrusions like those alleged on “The Big Lie” website.

¹ <https://thebiglie.frankspeech.com/OKLAHOMA/index.html>, ©Michael J. Lindell, 2021

² <https://thebiglie.frankspeech.com/OKLAHOMA/index.html>, ©Michael J. Lindell, 2021

Here are some examples of the State of Oklahoma's findings that debunk the website's allegations and data:

- *None of the IP addresses that were purported to be "targeted" by hackers belong to the State Election Board, nor any county election board, nor any Oklahoma election system.*
- *Many dates and times of alleged "cyber intrusions" are **after** the final election results were already certified by county election boards in Oklahoma.*
- *The latitude and longitude data do not appear to have any actual relationship to the physical locations of the IP addresses that were supposedly targeted.*

Both the internal review by the State Election Board and the independent investigation by Oklahoma Cyber Command have confirmed that there is absolutely no merit to the website's allegations that Oklahoma's election results were electronically manipulated.

Additionally, Oklahoma is not the only state to debunk the website's allegations. For example, here is a recent news release from the Idaho Secretary of State:

<https://sos.idaho.gov/2021/09/29/election-validation>.

CONCLUSION

As I mentioned in my August 13 letter to you³, no one cares more about the security and integrity of our state's elections than me. Credible allegations of violations of Oklahoma election law are always reported to district attorneys for investigation. A cyber breach or incident – if one were to occur – would always be thoroughly and independently investigated. State law also authorizes candidates to challenge election results by requesting a recount or alleging irregularities.

Unfortunately, several Oklahomans have seen or read misinformation like that provided at the "Cyber Symposium" and on "The Big Lie" website and have demanded a so-called "forensic audit" of Oklahoma's 2020 General Election – something that is neither justified by the evidence nor authorized under the laws enacted by the Legislature. Feel free to share this letter with any constituents who may contact you regarding these allegations so they can know the facts.

The people of Oklahoma can rest assured that our state has one of the most accurate and secure voting systems in the entire world. The true and correct results of Oklahoma's 2020 elections are those results that were certified by Oklahoma election officials⁴.

Sincerely,



Paul Zirix
Secretary, Oklahoma State Election Board

ENCLOSURE

³ Zirix letter to state legislators, 08/13/2021: <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/security-integrity/letter-from-the-secretary.html>

⁴ <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/elections-results/election-results/2020-election-results.html>



DATE: 1 October 2021

TO: Secretary Paul Ziriak, State Election Board

FROM: Matt Singleton, Office of Management and Enterprise Services

RE: "The Big Lie" Inquiry Investigation

In response to your 23 September 2021 inquiry regarding the information purporting to prove election interference in the State of Oklahoma's 2020 General Election as posted on <https://thebiglie.frankspeech.com/OKLAHOMA/index.html>, Oklahoma Cyber Command conducted a full investigation.

The posting claims to show out-of-state IP addresses connecting to in-state IP addresses related to the election and insinuates voting discrepancies of approximately 128,000 votes between what was officially reported and a listed total which source is not identified.

Our investigation found the posting included source/destination IPs and associated latitude and longitude coordinates for dates of 3 November 2020 through 6 November 2020. The source of the latitude/longitude coordinates was not identified in the original posting. While it might be possible the source IPs listed correlated with machines in the locations listed on those dates, at the time of our analysis many of those IPs were defunct. Those still active resolved to publicly available scanning engines. After de-duplicating the provided destination IPs, there were a total of seventeen unique IP addresses. Five led to State of Oklahoma resources and the remainder led to cloud providers and other out-of-state technology organizations. One State of Oklahoma IP address (204.87.112.104) was listed fifty times yet had different latitude/longitude coordinates for each entry. This IP address is associated with the Secretary of State's website and has been since at least May 2020. Unlike some other states, Oklahoma's Secretary of State does not oversee elections. **None of the five State of Oklahoma IPs were/are associated with the State of Oklahoma's election infrastructure.**

These findings are not unexpected. As you know, the election infrastructure in Oklahoma is centralized and the components in the counties are not directly accessible via the internet. Further, Oklahoma Cyber Command was actively monitoring all connectivity to the election infrastructure during the General Election and even had been on high alert status in the weeks leading up to the election. This was in addition to the regularly assigned personnel provided to the State Election Board and our specific operations to identify mis- and dis-information campaigns surrounding the General Election.

There is not now, nor has there been, any credible evidence of a cyber incident or event that could have interfered with the State of Oklahoma's 2020 General Election.

Please let me know if you'd like to have further discussions regarding this inquiry or if other information is needed.