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PWC Office of Elections Releases Reporting Data in Michele White Election Trial

PRINCE WILLIAM, VA. – “Election results were improperly reported by the previous administration during the 2020 election. Our office reported this issue to the Virginia Department of Elections and voluntarily cooperated with the Attorney General’s office.

The reporting errors were presumably a consequence of the results tapes not being programmed to a format that was compatible with state reporting requirements. Attempts to correct this issue appear to have created errors. The reporting errors did not consistently favor one party or candidate but were likely due to a lack of proper planning, a difficult election environment, and human error. Overall, these mistakes had the following impact:

Contest	Candidate	Reported in 2020	Correct Total	Difference
President	Joseph Biden (D)	142,863	144,511	+1,648
	Donald Trump (R)	81,222	78,895	-2,327

- Donald Trump (R) incorrectly received an extra 2,327 votes and Joe Biden (D) was shorted 1,648 votes. Biden won the contest statewide by more than 450,000 votes.
- Both Senate candidates Mark Warner (D) and Daniel Gade (R) received too few votes by 1,589 and 107 respectively. Warner won this race by over 500,000 votes.
- House of Representatives candidate Rob Wittman (R) was shorted by 293 votes but won by more than 80,000 votes.
- Other contests had negligible differences or no discrepancies at all.

Recount laws exist precisely to review and correct these issues when they arise in close contests. These issues in 2020 amounted to far less than 1% of the contest totals, the mark where a recount is triggered.

Since 2020, improvements have been made. The entire PWC Office of Elections leadership group has changed. The process for reporting and validating results has been updated and improved. Critically, all PWC results tapes are now published online for public review. The Virginia Department of Elections has also adopted an updated reporting system with additional results validation standards.

Over the past 3 years, the 2020 election has been the subject of audits, recounts, and investigations. Election officials have continued to work diligently in the face of extreme stress and threats to our health and safety. Mistakes are unfortunate but require diligence and innovation to correct. They do not reflect a purposeful attempt to undermine the integrity of the electoral process and the investigation into this matter ended with that conclusion.

We have worked to bring transparency to the reporting of an election that happened three years ago. This dedication remains and applies to all current and future elections. The public should have faith in the thousands of tireless public servants and volunteers who preserve and protect our democracy.

Eric Olsen, Director of Elections”

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