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Indian River County

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The Honorable Peter O'Bryan, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Indian River County
1800 27th Street, Building A
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Chairman O'Bryan:

Cybersecurity is a serious threat for elections officials which cannot be taken lightly. The Center for Internet Security®(CIS®), through the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center® (MS-ISAC®) is offering network security monitoring services through a solution referred to as Albert. Albert provides network security alerts for both traditional and advanced network threats, helping organizations identify malicious activity. This cost-effective Intrusion Detection System uses open source software combined with the expertise of the MS-ISAC 24x7 Security Operations Center to provide enhanced monitoring capabilities and notifications of malicious activity.

The recently adopted State of Florida budget, which goes into effect July 1, 2018, provides counties a reimbursement grant to purchase the Albert server. The purchase price of the server and components is \$8,607.23, plus a one-time initiation fee of \$900. The monthly monitoring fee is \$620. The reimbursable grant includes the Albert server, initiation fee, and first 12 months of monitoring - total State reimbursable funds are \$16,947.23. My intention is to purchase and install the Albert server in the next 30 days.



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Secretary of State Ken Detzner informed all Supervisor of Elections during a recent conference call that the reimbursement funds would be available beginning on July 1, 2018, with checks mailed within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reimbursement grant funds, I am requesting to have these funds rolled back into the Supervisor of Elections 2017/2018 budget.

Albert is an invaluable tool to help prevent a malicious attack on our election system.

Sincerely,



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