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Good afternoon [REDACTED],

My response to the recent post on the SD Canvassing Substack regarding ES&S and laptops is below.

These claims are another attempt to push a political agenda, and like previous ones, they are unsupported by the facts. Our office has already addressed these concerns with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and they have confirmed that South Dakota's election equipment is fully compliant with all federal and state certification requirements. The reality is straightforward: counties cannot—and do not—use uncertified equipment. This issue has been raised repeatedly, and each time it has been debunked. These complaints are based on faulty assumptions. Again, recycling misinformation does not make it true.

Thank you,

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