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Sullivan Calls For Comprehensive Election Security Audit

Peter M. Sullivan, candidate for New Hampshire Secretary of State, today called for a comprehensive statewide security audit of the Granite State's voting machines and voter registration procedures.

“Recent indictments filed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller show that Russian intelligence operatives hacked into the computer system of the Illinois State Board of Elections. This demonstrates that we face a very real threat to the integrity of our elections here in New Hampshire”, said Sullivan.

“With over 200 cities and towns, New Hampshire provides a wealth of targets for malicious hackers. Local communities are not provided with any standardized procedures or even basic guidance as to how to protect voter registration data from outside tampering. In this day and age, that's not acceptable”.

“As Secretary of State, I will initiate a comprehensive, statewide security audit to assess our current practices and procedures and to develop a set of standards and procedures designed to ensure that our elections are secure. I will convene a working group of individuals with expertise in cybersecurity and election law to develop standardized procedures to assist local communities in their efforts to protect the integrity of our democratic process”.  

“Bill Gardner has repeatedly rejected federal funding that would help New Hampshire protect its elections. I'll change that approach and aggressively pursue all available resources. We need to be proactive and vigilant”.

Peter M. Sullivan served five terms as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and one term as a member of the Manchester Board of Alderman. He is a graduate of the University of New Orleans and the University of Arkansas School of Law.