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DCBOE Shares Preliminary Information on Data Set Contents

Washington, D.C.— The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) provides the following update on the voter data breach:

- DCBOE continues to work with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)'s Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) on a forensic analysis of the data set.

- So far, this analysis has found that the data breach contains fewer than 4,000 voter records.

- The records are from August 9, 2019 to January 25, 2022 and contain information from voters who participated in DCBOE's canvass process, which is conducted every odd-numbered year to ensure the voter roll is up-to-date.

- Late this afternoon, DCBOE received MS-ISAC's full analysis report and is actively reviewing. Once reviewed internally, DCBOE will share what exact voter information was accessed and will contact individuals that are impacted.

- DCBOE's website remains down and in maintenance mode. However, it remains safe and secure to register to vote online. DC residents can also register to vote by using a paper form or in-person at DCBOE offices.

- DCBOE will continue to share updates on social media and its website (when available). Residents may also email any inquiries to questions@dcboe.org.

Background:
On October 5, 2023, the District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) became aware that a hacking group known as RansomVC claimed to have breached DCBOE's records and accessed 600,000 lines of US voter data, including DC voter records.

DCBOE has confirmed that some DC voter information was accessed through a breach of DataNet Systems' web server. No internal DCBOE databases or servers were directly compromised.

DCBOE has taken the following actions during the initial phase of our investigation:

- DCBOE initiated an internal assessment and began working with its data security and federal government partners to investigate the breach. These partners include, but are not limited to, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Office of the Chief

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Technology Officer (OCTO). DCBOE is collaborating with MS-ISAC's Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) to resolve the issue.

- DCBOE took down its website and replaced it with a maintenance page upon learning that its website was the source of the breach.
- DCBOE conducted vulnerability scans on its database, server, and other IT networks.

DCBOE continues to assess the full extent of the breach, identify vulnerabilities, and take appropriate measures to secure voter data and systems.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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