

Re: Letter to Secretary of Sate

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To: Wayne Bishop <wbishop@harpersferrywv.us> 1 attachments (88 KB)

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From: Wayne Bishop <wbishop@harpersferrywv.us>**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 12:29**To:** Kevin Carden <kevin.carden@harpersferrywv.us>**Subject:** Letter to Secretary of Sate

Hi Kevin,

As you know I requested an investigation into the care and custody of the election ballots through the H.F. Police the County Police the County Prosecutor and the Secretary of State was also contacted on the afternoon of November 12, 2019. Please send me your letter to the Secretary of State you sent in December 2019 regarding the same matter.

Thank you

Wayne Bishop

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VIA EMAIL and US MAIL

Dear Sheriff Dougherty, Mr Harvey, and Mr Kersey:

As you are aware, on 12th November 2019, questions arose regarding the security of ballots that were cast during this year's municipal elections in the Corporation of Harpers Ferry. Those ballots, which had been stored in a locked fireproof cabinet within the Recorder's Office at Harpers Ferry Town Hall, were discovered to have been moved to an unlocked file cabinet within the same office. Due to concerns about the future security of those ballots pending a judicial process which has now reached the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, a decision was made to transfer custody of the sealed envelopes containing these ballots and some related materials to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, to be held in the County's evidence locker. No further investigation was conducted at that time and the envelopes were not inspected for evidence of tampering.

Since then, several troubling accusations have circulated that now necessitate such an investigation and inspection, including statements made by certain officials of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry and attorneys associated with the pending election contest. In my capacity as the supervisor of elections for this municipal corporation, I am formally requesting an investigation into the chain of custody, security,

and possibility of tampering with the aforementioned ballots by unknown parties, specifically the envelope containing six provisional ballots which are at the heart of the current legal process.

Please contact me by telephone at 304-886-2325 or by email to kevin.carden@harpersferrywv.us at any time concerning this request. I stand ready to cooperate in any way possible and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Carden." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Carden
Recorder, Corporation of Harpers Ferry