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UPDATE: DCBOE Voter Information Data Breach Investigation, Website Status

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

- 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 continues to monitor internal databases/servers and conduct network vulnerability scans to ensure the safety of DC voter data.
- DCBOE continues to work with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)'s Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) to conduct a forensic analysis of the data set to determine the specific DC voter data that is contained in the records. DCBOE will share the full report when it is available.
- DCBOE's website remains down and in maintenance mode.
- It remains safe and secure to register to vote in the District of Columbia. DC residents can still register to vote online, 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, questions@dcboe.org, with inquiries.

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 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

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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