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## **DCBOE** Data Breach Update: Possible Access to Voter Roll

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

On Friday, October 20, during a daily morning check-in call with DataNet Systems, DCBOE learned that:

- DataNet Systems' breached database server did contain a copy of the DCBOE's voter roll.
- DataNet Systems confirmed that bad actors MAY have had access to the full voter roll which
  includes personal identifiable information (PII) including partial social security numbers,
  driver's license numbers, dates of birth, and contact information such as phone numbers and
  email addresses.
- DataNet Systems could not pinpoint if or when this file may have been accessed or how many, if any, voter records were accessed.

Out of an abundance of caution, DCBOE will reach out to all registered voters. In addition, DCBOE will be engaging with Mandiant, a cybersecurity consulting firm, to assist with next steps.

This remains an ongoing and active investigation. DCBOE will continue to share updates on social media and its website, which is currently live but still being updated.

Residents may also email any inquiries or questions to <a href="mailto:questions@dcboe.org">questions@dcboe.org</a>.

## 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.

Learn more at www.dcboe.org/databreach.

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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