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MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



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Votem, Corp.
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Dear Votem,

Montana is very proud of our men and women who serve. Combat veterans account for nearly 80% of Montana's veteran population. I want *all* Montanans overseas, including those protecting our freedoms, to vote in this and future Montana elections. *My commitment to serving veterans, like my son, as well as uniformed and overseas voters, could not be any stronger.*

Recently, I was made aware of the arrest of Eugene Yu, alleging he and/or his company, Konnech, Inc., may be involved in the possible theft of personal identifying information of poll workers in Los Angeles County – information that may have been stored on servers in the People's Republic of China. Foreign interference with Montana elections will not be tolerated.

Montana does not have a contract with Konnech, Inc., our office does not use the product involved, and the Secretary of State has no relationship or connection to Eugene Yu whatsoever.

Nonetheless, following the arrest of Mr. Yu, I received numerous requests that Montana cease use of the potentially compromised Konnech product and terminate all contracts with Konnech. Again, Montana does not have a contract with Konnech, and the state does not use the product involved.

Some members of the public remain concerned that personal identification for voters under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) using Votem's products is somehow being made available to Mr. Yu and/or Konnech and, in turn, exists on servers in the People's Republic of China. Based on administrative documents from former Democratic Secretary of State Linda McCulloch, I have heard claims that Konnech has a partnership with Votem administering the products used by Montana UOCAVA voters, and that Mr. Yu is an active member on the Votem Board.

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Did Votem acquire certain Konnech products several years ago? Does Votem's current product code differ entirely from what Votem acquired from Konnech at that time? Does Votem use technology developed by Mr. Yu and/or other staff or personnel connected with Konnech?

What is the involvement or connection in your day-to-day operations or products' development and maintenance between Eugene Yu and/or Konnech? Furthermore, does Mr. Yu have any interest in Votem, Inc.? Did Mr. Yu serve on the Votem Board since before 2018?

How can you assure Montana's voters that the personal identification information of our military, overseas citizens, and those utilizing the electronic ballot absentee request system is secure and unable to be accessed by either Konnech and/or Konnech Chinese counterparts?

I will always put Montana and America first. On behalf of Montana voters, I appreciate your prompt response to these important questions.

Sincerely,



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