Representatives:

Please DO NOT PASS SB 2271.

SB 2271 is a gift by North Dakota to bad actors in other states who seek to make it easier to steal elections.

Please consider these unintended negative consequences that go along with passing SB 2271:

- 1) The "only open in the event of NPVIC" language may seem reasonable to the initiated, but you can bet that is not how SB 2271 will be spun by others who seek to make our elections less secure.
- 2) SB 2271 is a tactic that is likely to only work once, if even once. It leverages NPVIC bill language that can be easily amended.
- 3) Data is critical for fraud detection. The chart below (Figure 1) was not created by government and would NOT be possible in states that enact something like SB 2271.
 - a. As you read this SOND is responding to a significant successful cyber-attack upon SOND software systems. Election data transparency provides balance against risks inherent to software-enabled elections.

North Dakota should be fortifying our election integrity, not trading it away to meet other challenges.

Thank you, Morgan Korn

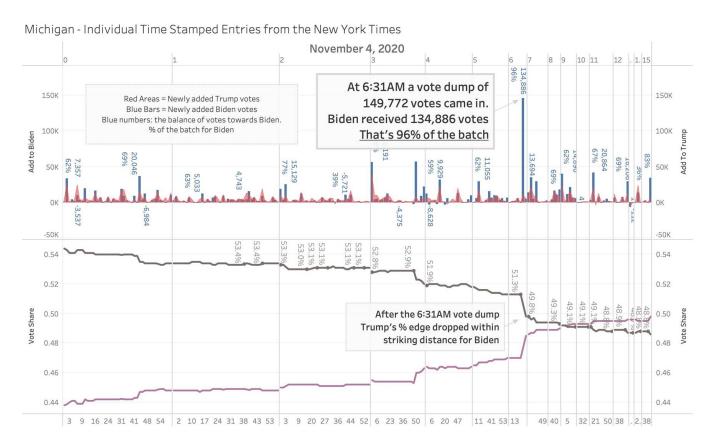


Figure 1: Interval Vote Count Data for Michigan