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To whom this may concern:

I am writing today to voice my support for the amendment to our contract with Dominion Voting Systems, extending that contract to 2033, which is being proposed in the meeting.

I am aware that there are certain groups who will most likely object to extending our contract with Dominion, arguing that this system is somehow unreliable or subject to tampering by foreign influences, but to the contrary, evidence has shown nothing of the kind.

Groups who believe that the 2020 election was "stolen" (aka "The Big Lie") are putting forth false conspiracy theories to bolster their arguments that votes should be counted by hand rather than counted by machine. A study shows that voting by hand yields an average of 8% error rate, while counting by machine only has a 0.05% error rate.

Hand counting is much slower than counting by machine. Hand counting could delay election results by weeks, if not months, and this would create a chaotic scenario during the weeks or months of indecision. In addition, I could imagine the self-appointed voting oversight committee trying to

influence the counting process by intimidating the people who are counting the votes.

As the old saying goes -- "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Thank you for your kind attention,

Ruth Pash