



U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
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Mr. Bobby Hardy
Manager, EMI/EMC, Product Safety and Voting Systems
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Dear Mr. Hardy,

As you may know, a recent article has raised questions concerning perceived partisan activities undertaken by test labs or their employees. Irrespective of this article, we write this letter to urge Wyle Laboratories to adopt a policy that prohibits the organization and its employees from engaging in activities that may create the appearance of a conflict of interest or partisan bias.

We are pleased to have Wyle Laboratories as an EAC accredited Voting System Test Laboratory under our interim program. As an EAC accredited test laboratory, your organization plays an important role in our nation's elections. This role carries significant responsibility, as it requires the public to place its trust in Wyle Laboratories and its employees. It is essential to the fair and open conduct of elections that the American people are confident in the process and those responsible for it. Therefore, the EAC requests that Wyle Laboratories, and each of our laboratories, create strong, written policies that prohibit the organization and its employees from engaging in activities that create even the appearance of conflict of interest or political bias.

We know you share our commitment to the election community and the American people. Therefore, we are confident that you will take appropriate steps regarding this request. Ultimately, even the most successful and competently run election can be deemed a failure if voters do not trust the process. If you have any questions, we are more than happy to discuss our concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wilkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tom Wilkey
Executive Director