

Dear Member of the Michigan Legislature,

Our SOS Jocelyn Benson admitted in a letter submitted to Matt DePerno in the Antrim County Court Case that: She does not keep the source codes of our voting systems in trust as required by law. Therefore she has not tested the voting system software to make certain that it is operating properly as she is required to do by law. She also admitted to not actually knowing how the voting machines even work. Yet in December of 2020 and after the recent dismissal of the Antrim County Case, she lies to the people of Michigan and states that the Nov 2020 election was the safest ever. By her own admission, she would not even know if it was safe or not. This is disgusting. No wonder public trust in Michigan's elections is at an all time low.

DePerno also released the July 2020 story of 83 Michigan County Clerks who decided that the public did not deserve FOIA access to digital ballot images and conspired to override the default on the voting machines to stop them from saving the ballot images—a clear violation of election law. Just another great Michigan story of Transparency Denied by elected officials. Hopefully these clerks will be sued.

Sorry to say, but this body has its own share of blame. How can you passing effective legislation about voting machines when you don't even know how they operate and how they can undermine the vote? Half measures are not going to restore public trust either. We are doing our homework and we are watching you not do yours.

Concerned citizens are not the problem with election integrity. It is the repeated failure of our elected officials to do the right thing for voters and for our election system. We have an election integrity crisis here in Michigan. The only thing that will begin to restore public trust in our elections is for you to authorize an independent full forensic audit of the 2020 election.

It's time to do the right thing. Order the audit. Let's see what happened first and then start fixing it.