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Dear Election Official,

As you were previously notified by the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Military Department's (CTMD) Cyber Elections Security Team is supporting their election infrastructure assessment initiative. The Secretary of the State is requesting each municipality to participate in the assessment of their election infrastructure to determine our State's overall readiness for the upcoming November elections. For the assessment, we are using the Cyber Resilience Review (CRR) provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The CRR is a comprehensive, fillable form that evaluates your municipality's election infrastructure procedures to provide a detailed assessment of current practices. This assessment should be completed by town election officials and appropriate municipal IT personnel. Should you have any questions or concerns during the assessment, do not hesitate to contact the CTMD Cyber Elections Security Team at <u>elections.security@ct.gov</u>. It is our job to provide exclusive support to municipalities participating in this groundbreaking initiative. Once all participating municipalities have completed the assessment, the CTMD will prepare a detailed report of Connecticut's overall election readiness for the Secretary of the State.

Following this report, the CTMD Cyber Elections Security Team will visit select towns and cities to perform a more detailed assessment of election infrastructure, as well as to provide consulting on improving their existing infrastructure. This service comes at no cost to the municipality. These on-site visits will further assist the Secretary of the State in understanding our current security posture, as well as provide direction for continued improvement.

The CTMD is providing the necessary resources and support for this assessment through the official Microsoft Teams page. Here you will be able to download the CRR, access our information page, and contact CTMD Cyber Elections Security Team staff directly. To join, please reply to this email with the following information:

Municipality name:

Point of Contact

Name: Email: Phone:

It is imperative that you are proactive throughout this process. Please download and review the CRR as soon as possible. Becoming familiar with this document before conducting your assessment will provide an understanding of the scope of the CRR and result in a less frustrating experience. The assessment is thorough and will likely take hours to complete. Although it may seem overwhelming, remember that we are here to help.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. The security of our elections infrastructure is crucial for our democratic process. We look forward to hearing from you.

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