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The Honorable Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

I applaud your recent budget request to create a cybersecurity unit to safeguard Florida's election infrastructure. As we approach the upcoming election cycle, it is imperative that the State makes a serious investment in cybersecurity to ensure that our elections are secure. It is my sincere hope that the state legislature approves your request as quickly as possible.

With 21 states identified as potential targets of Russian interference in the 2016 election, it is critical that we take any necessary action now in order to prevent additional interference in 2020 and beyond. This is especially important in Florida, where at least two counties' election systems were infiltrated by the Russian government.

Thank you again for your leadership on election security in the Sunshine State. Our elections are one of the most critical components of our democracy, and voters should feel confident that their vote is protected from foreign interference.

If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Murphy', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephanie Murphy  
Member of Congress