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**Statement from Sequoia Voting Systems on New Jersey
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DENVER, CO – Sequoia has been working together with our New Jersey customers since the February 5th Primary Elections to isolate and determine the specific cause of an ancillary reporting issue related to party turnout totals exhibited on a small number of Sequoia's AVC Advantages used throughout the State.

We are pleased to report that our technicians and developers can recreate, and have verified, the exact cause of this reporting issue and we are now in the process of working with our customers on a method of prevention.

We ran several tests and reviewed copies of machine audit logs and copies of customer databases. We also re-inspected our source code. Finally, after the 15 day State-mandated voting equipment quarantine period, we examined the affected machines with our New Jersey customers and members of the Attorney General's staff.

We identified a way in which pollworker error can result in the party turnout totals to be reported incorrectly. This scenario takes place through an unusual sequence of pollworker actions on the Control Panel of the Advantage that does not follow the prescribed election and machine procedures.

Sequoia's developers have identified a simple configuration change as that can be undertaken by our customers as part of the election set-up that will prevent this issue from occurring. We are now in the process of sharing this information with our customers.

It is important to note that this issue had no effect on the cast vote records on the voting machines, and therefore the integrity of the vote is not, and never was, in question. The election results are correct. The vote data on all cartridges in the affected counties are correct and we have verified the integrity of the copies of the ballot images that have been supplied to us by our customers. We have further verified, as have our customers, that the total vote count matches turnout within the parties.

About Sequoia Voting Systems (www.sequoiavote.com)

Sequoia Voting Systems is an American-owned election technology company with major offices in Denver, Colorado; Jamestown, New York and Oakland, California with over a 100-year history of providing accurate, reliable and innovative voting solutions dating back to

the nation's first lever-based mechanical voting equipment in the 1890s. Sequoia provides comprehensive election technology products, customized training options, ballot layout and printing services and complete implementation and support programs to its state and local government customers throughout the United States. Sequoia's product suite includes a comprehensive election management system, precinct-based optical scan voting units, high-speed central count optical scan ballot readers, and full-face and paginating touch screen electronic voting equipment with optional printers that produce voter verified paper records. Sequoia's voting equipment is currently used by hundreds of jurisdictions throughout 17 states and the District of Columbia.

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