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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Immediately after the November 2020 elections, officials in Arizona received a series of complaints concerning the integrity and validity of the elections, including witness testimony and material evidence. As these reports increased, certain Arizona Legislators began discussion in response to overwhelming number of constituent requests for a review of the election due to serious anomalies. In response, certain legislators welcomed expert briefings on methods to conduct a forensic audit. Core members of The America Project leadership team and respective issue experts participated in the educational effort since day one. Subsequently, The America Project, with the generous support of Dr. Patrick Byrne was the initial and top donor, funding the Maricopa County Audit general operating expenses.

After over a year since the Maricopa County Audit was completed, and turned over to the Arizona Attorney General, on April 6, 2022, the Hon. Mark Brnovich, Attorney General, State of Arizona submitted a letter and preliminary report to AZ State Senator Karen Fann, President of the Arizona Senate

Selected quote:

*"As our state's chief law enforcement officer, I am very concerned by any potential vulnerabilities in our state's election systems, including those that the audit and other complaints have alleged. **The EIU's review has uncovered instances of election fraud by individuals who have been or will be prosecuted for various election crimes.** The EIU's review is ongoing and we are therefore limited in what we can disclose about specific criminal and civil investigations. Thus, this interim report will focus on what our office can presently share and the current status of our review."*

Click here to review AG Brnovich's Letter (12 pages):

<https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/2022-04-06%20Fann%20letter.pdf>

In response, AZ Sen. Fann stated:

*"Today is a historic day for voter integrity in Arizona. We've wanted an entity with prosecutorial authority to validate the missteps our audit revealed, and this interim report does just that. **The AG's findings of failures, fraud, and potential misconduct during the 2020 election in Maricopa County are not surprising, given the lack of compliance and cooperation in Maricopa County elections officials displayed from the start. The report details problematic system-wide issues that relate to early ballot handling and verification. In fact, an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 ballots were transported without a proper chain of custody.**"*

See below to review AZ. Sen Fann's Press Release (1 page).

These statements vindicate the Arizona Senate's audit of the 2020 Elections in Maricopa County. AG Brnovich's letter is a preliminary report, and the first report since the Maricopa County Audit, as a result of the The America Project sponsored audit and extensive reports that were submitted to the Arizona Senate.

In the AG's letter, Brnovich states that his office has found fraud, and this is now an ongoing review that includes criminal and civil investigations. He also states there were serious vulnerabilities that need to be addressed through legislation.

The America Project is directly on the ground within the policy landscape, advising and guiding the election integrity strategy with grassroots and influential leaders, investigators, issue experts.

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Media Advisory

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Statement regarding AG's findings of errors, failures and fraud uncovered from the Senate's 2020 Maricopa County Election Audit

PHOENIX, ARIZONA-- State Senate President Karen Fann issues the following response:

"Today is a historic day for voter integrity in Arizona. We've wanted an entity with prosecutorial authority to validate the missteps our audit revealed, and this interim report does just that. The AG's findings of failures, fraud, and potential misconduct during the 2020 election in Maricopa County are not surprising, given the lack of compliance and cooperation Maricopa County elections officials displayed from the start.

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These findings call for a stronger signature verification system, proper chain of custody procedures on ballot boxes, securing drop box locations, and the need for routine audits of our elections processes, which are all elements within the system that we've been fighting for.

We're thankful that the Attorney General's Office is diligently investigating the many serious issues raised in the Senate's election audit, in addition to addressing the concerns and questions from our constituents, which may have otherwise been ignored. Our goal is to restore integrity to our elections system. We look forward to receiving subsequent reports from the AG as his investigation unfolds. Meanwhile, our caucus will be working on the legislation recommendations set forth by the AG to strengthen our democratic process."

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