

Virginia's Elections Are **SECURE**

- ✓ Voting equipment is certified according to federal and state standards.
- ✓ Registered voters have to apply for absentee ballots if they want them.
- ✓ A voter can track a mailed ballot back to the registrar's office to be sure it's counted.
- ✓ Ballot collection is forbidden.
- ✓ Drop boxes are guarded or surveilled at all times.

- ✓ The chain of custody means that ballots and machines are accounted for at each step.
- ✓ Optical scanners and electronic poll books are free from connection to the Internet on election day.
- ✓ Machine tally sheets are compared with machine totals and sealed in an envelope to go to the registrar on election night.
- ✓ Paper ballots are sealed in boxes and sent to the registrar on election day night.
- ✓ The court stores all ballots in a secure location for at least a year and two years for federal elections.

- ✓ Virginia conducts risk-limiting audits to confirm election results.
- ✓ Election officers take an oath and get training in up-to-date operations.
- ✓ Democratic and Republican Party authorized observers are allowed in the precincts.
- ✓ Fraud is very rare---only 1,300+ proven instances out of over 250 million votes cast nationwide, or 0.0005%*