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Auditor General DePasquale Doubles Down on Election Security Following National Report

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today issued the following statement on a report by a National Academy of Sciences’ expert panel calling for fundamental changes to protect the integrity of U.S. elections:

“It’s very clear that Russians attempted to hack voting systems in 21 states during the 2016 election – including Pennsylvania’s – and that’s a risk that is wholly unacceptable.

“As I audit Pennsylvania’s voting security, I have instructed my team to be aware of reports such as the one from the National Academy of Sciences that highlight the dangers posed to our elections, which are the very foundation of our democracy.

“My team and I will thoroughly review [this expert panel’s report](#) to gauge whether any of their recommendations might be used to enhance voting security in Pennsylvania.”

In June, DePasquale began an audit of the state’s voter registration system. In July, because of the revelations about attempted Russian interference in our elections, he expanded the scope of outreach to include people working at the FBI, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

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