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Dear _____,

At Election Systems & Software (ES&S), we have committed to you that we would communicate proactively on issues that may be of concern. Over the last few days, vote totals in one congressional race that includes Sarasota County, Florida has generated national media attention. We wanted to touch base with you to share information about this situation, and make ourselves available to you should you have any questions.

First, to be clear, Sarasota County and its Supervisor of Elections, Kathy Dent, have extensive procedures and processes in place and have run many successful elections for over five years, utilizing the ES&S iVotronic touch screen voting system. We are very proud of our partnership with Supervisor Dent, and - like her - are confident that the voters of Sarasota County have benefited from implementation of the county's touch screen voting system.

Regarding the situation you have likely heard about, because of the results in this congressional race, the candidates have called for a recount. The district in question overlaps Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, both of which have deployed ES&S voting systems. In Sarasota County, an unusually high number of undervotes cast in this particular race has generated substantial media interest. You may have seen the coverage, some of which includes misrepresentation, speculation, or suggestion that casts doubt about the accuracy and reliability of the county's voting equipment.

ES&S was not directly involved in preparing for or carrying out the election, so it would be inappropriate to attempt to explain the detail. However, we have been in touch with Supervisor Dent and her very strong belief is that there is only one factor that accounts for the undervotes cast in this particular race: lack of a selection in the race. As you know, one of the unique features of the iVotronic is its multiple ways to capture voter intent by providing unlimited opportunity to select and deselect choices in any race, and then an opportunity to review all selections before a ballot is cast. Supervisor Dent has stated publicly - and affirmatively - that she is confident the equipment functioned well.

The recount process will begin next Monday and, at the request of Sarasota County, ES&S will be present to provide technical assistance to Supervisor Dent and her IT staff, if it is necessary. As we do with all of our customers, we want to support her in this effort. Sarasota County programs their own equipment (12-inch iVotronics, with a text-based ballot), so our role will be limited. We have confidence in Supervisor Dent. She and her staff utilize best practice, and they have years of successful experience with the iVotronic system.

Again, because we have received questions about this situation, we wanted to keep you apprised. Please, as always, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary Crump
ES&S Chief Operating Officer