I am Channing Stowell of East Bethel, MN

We appreciate Anoka County placing CVR’s on your website. We are now reporting the initial findings from our analysis.

* The CVR’s are helpful, but of limited value because the State has eliminated some of the data.
  + The scanned ballot image and date, sequence received, and early vs. absentee, vs. in-person on election day voting classification are missing.
  + From the limited analysis we were able to do, **discrepancies in counts do exist between the CVR data and what is reported by the SOS office. These discrepancies need to be resolved**
* **The pattern of “overvotes” by office indicates possible serious error in ES&S machine counting, with the imbedded optical scanners likely inaccurately interpreting mailed ballots’ fold lines falling across a “candidate’s oval” as a vote for that candidate.**
  + In Anoka County, we see on the Ballot’s Computer image the high likelihood that fold lines fell where indeed statistical anomalies appear, which were the Governor/Lt. Governor and State and District Judge/Justices races.
  + This error in ES&S 200’s oversensitivity to misinterpret fold lines has been noted elsewhere in the U.S.when Scanned Ballot Images are available.
* We recommend in the future having machine folded mail-in ballots tested in the pre-election PAT.
  + It is our understanding that the PAT did not test for ***this known ES&S 200 vulnerability***.
  + We don’t believe that mailed ballots and overvotes were examined.
  + This is a serious concern and highlights why scanned ballot images need to be included as part of the CVR record.
* What we are also asking is that Anoka County Election Management immediately and fully investigate this issue because if not remedied, it could alter outcomes in future races.
  + While the State prohibits **scanned ballot images now from public view, Anoka County does have authority to view them.**
  + Alternatively, Anoka County could honor ACEIT’s CVR request of May 9, 2023, as” ex pos facto” and honor that request so we can perform a thorough review.
* Additionally, we recommend **revisiting the 6 PER audited precincts by examining their MAILED IN ballots in greater detail for this ES&S Ballot fold issue**.
* We would appreciate Anoka County Commissioners and Election Management showing some interest and initiative in resolving this critical issue.
  + We will gladly work with Anoka County, however you deem it appropriate, to get this SERIOUS issue resolved.
  + **This IS A SMOKING GUN, IN ANOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ HANDS, POINTED DIRECTLY AT THE ES&S Equipment’s INSUITIBILITY to be used on MAILED BALLOTS**