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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Christina Adkins
Director of Elections, Texas Secretary of State
Elections Division
P.O. Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060

Re: Hart Verity Vanguard 1.0 Voting System—Examination September 16th-18th,
2025

Dear Ms. Adkins:

Pursuant to Texas Election Code section 122.036 and 1 Texas Administrative Code section 81.60, by this letter I am transmitting my examiner's report for the Secretary of State's September 16-18, 2025, voting system examination of the Hart Verity Vanguard 1.0 electronic voting software.

The factual background for this report includes Hart's presentation to the examiners during an examination at the Texas Secretary of State's offices, statements made by Hart's representatives during that examination, and any responses to the examiners' follow-up questions along with supporting documentation sent by Hart to the Secretary of State's office and then forwarded to the examiners. Additionally, the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certified the Hart Verity Vanguard 1.0 system.

First, I refer the Secretary of State to the items addressed in the Office of the Attorney General's appointed examiner's report. Next, I request that the Secretary of State consider the following suggestions: 1) confirm receipt and maintenance of the most up-to-date and accurate Hart system documentation; and 2) consider expanded data logging, increased log file sizes, and clarification of log back-up and retention practices.

With the above noted reference and suggestions, and after a thorough review of the components of the system, I conclude that the Hart Verity Vanguard 1.0 software

meets the necessary standards for certification and complies with state law.
Therefore, I recommend certification consistent with this report.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Justin" and last name "Gordon" clearly distinguishable.

Justin Gordon
General Counsel

cc: Charlton Johnson, Secretary of State's Office
Charles Pinney, Secretary of State's Office