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Mr. John H. Hudgens, III  
Chairman  
South Carolina State Election Commission  
2221 Devine Street, Suite 105  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that all voting machines used during Tuesday's statewide primaries be impounded by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and a full accounting of the vote totals be conducted.

According to published reports, many voting irregularities occurred in the Democratic primary for United States Senate. For instance, it has been reported in 25 precincts in Spartanburg County, one of the Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate received more votes than were actually cast and there were 50 other precincts where votes appeared to be missing from the final count.

I have always believed that the integrity of our voting process must be protected. I have called for paper receipts and auditable machines in the past and I will continue to do so in my capacity as a South Carolina state Senator.

But the current process must be protected. That is why I am making the request that the voting machines be impounded and a full audit be conducted.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Leventis".

Phil Leventis  
Senator  
District 35

Cc: Chief Reginald I. Lloyd, Director of SLED