Dear [blank],

What is your plan?

As you may be aware, [your state’s] elections as currently structured are fully dependent on electronic vote tabulation. What is your plan should those electronic measures fail? Have you thought about that?

[Your state’s residents] are not accustomed to the dependency mindset. We build cabins off grid, rig machinery to run off whatever we can find, and concoct solutions out of mid-air to solve everyday problems that would cause folks in Seattle or Los Angeles to cry into their kale smoothies. In other words, [your state’s residents] live ready.

If [your state] experiences a massive earthquake on election day, do you have a plan in place to secure and hand count the ballots in every precinct? If the Dominion Voting systems experience massive technical failures such as occurred in Puerto Rico a few weeks ago, are you ready? In that election, both parties reported hundreds of ballots showing inaccurate results with over 700 errors and 350 discrepancies. How will [your state] handle that?

In Arizona in 2022, glitches caused thousands of voters to be turned away to “come back later.” Do you have a plan to deal with that contingency, or even a simple power outage? [where applicable: Do you have a math nerd at the Division of Elections who’s able to run the second round of a Ranked Choice tabulation by hand?] And how will you audit any of this?

[your state’s] voter rolls are inaccurate. What is your plan to clean up our voter rolls?

Can you verify that each registration is an actual person, instead of a fake entity set up by AI or domestic or international actors with malicious intent? Can you explain the discrepancies?

What is your plan to secure our election registration and tabulation systems from hacks such as occurred in the fall of 2020?

[where applicable: I understand you recently secured the endorsement of President Donald J. Trump in your bid for [ candidate’s office]. I congratulate you on that, but please understand that this means very little to most [your state’s residents].

Our current election infrastructure is foolishly dependent on questionable software and third-party associations, like ERIC and the Dominion Voting System, and riddled with security holes. It’s your job to ready [your state’s] defense against threats.

As far as we can tell you’ve been derelict in doing so. But there’s still time, and as you campaign this summer, expect to be confronted in person, on video, with hard questions about it.

Sincerely,

[your name, organization]