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**Attorney General Clare E. Connors asks Congress
to take action to protect integrity of America's elections**

HONOLULU – To express “significant concern regarding the persistent threats to our election systems,” Attorney General Clare E. Connors today joined a total 22 attorneys general from around the country to ask Congress to take action to protect the integrity of America's elections.

In a letter led by Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and addressed to key U.S. Senators, Attorney General Connors and the other attorneys general have asked Congress to provide additional election security grants to states and localities, support the establishment of cybersecurity and audit standards for election systems, and pass bipartisan election-security legislation.

“Modernizing and securing our election infrastructure is vitally important to our democracy,” said Attorney General Connors. “Our Hawaii election officials should be given the necessary resources and tools to ensure the integrity of our process. This must come in the form of funding, increased cooperation with federal officials, and legislation.”

The attorneys general note warnings that “our election systems have been a target for foreign adversaries and that those same adversaries are currently working to undermine the upcoming elections.” Their letter follows confirmed reports that Russia successfully breached election systems in Florida, installed malware on a voting-systems software company used by North Carolina, and targeted the election systems of all 50 states in 2016.

Joining Attorney General Connors in the letter are the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. Today's letter follows up on a similar letter that attorneys general from 21 states sent to Congress in July 2018.

A copy of today's letter is available at:

<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Communications/2019/Documents/ElectionSecurityLetter.pdf>.

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