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Hello,

Thank you for sending along your questions. We are always happy to provide you with information about our agency's work.

I want to start by reiterating Secretary Griffin-Valade's position on the Logically contract. In her [correspondence with Legislators](#) on November 9, the Secretary laid out the scope of the work with Logically. The scope includes, 1) monitoring publicly available information online to identify misinformation and threats to election workers, 2) notifying law enforcement when we identify a threat to life or infrastructure, and 3) using information on misinformation to inform our efforts to proactively communicate accurate information to voters.

This work is important, and it will continue to be a top priority for our agency in 2024. You may be aware that two Legislators have joined a lawsuit against our agency with regards to the Logically contact. The Secretary has decided to decline meetings specifically about that topic while the litigation is ongoing. Responses to your questions not addressed above are provided below.

Sincerely,  
Kathy

**What information do we have on the number of ballots that are returned by homeless individuals?**

The Oregon Elections Division does not keep data on ballots sent or returned to houseless individuals. It is not possible for us to tell based on a person's registration whether they are houseless.

**How are signatures secured when someone is registered online.**

Currently, online registrants do not upload signatures via My Vote, and signatures are not viewable in My Vote. Most voters who register online have a signature added to their record through a data transfer with the DMV. Others may do so on paper. If a signature is not present the county is required to contact the voter and obtain a signature.

**Would a nonprofit group be allowed to register homeless individuals to vote and have the ballots delivered to their address?**

Yes. There's nothing preventing organizations from doing voter registration activities and all voters are free to choose where their ballot is sent.

**What safeguards are there for individuals who have the information necessary to register vote released as part of an information leak/data breach?**

The Elections Division follows strong security guidelines and best practices, including those recommended by the EI-ISAC and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

**Who is spreading the misinformation regarding Logically – the company or our SOS? On October 27<sup>th</sup>, your office told us that Logically operates in Colorado, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington. Who told you that Logically operates in those states? We've been in contact with the Secretary of State offices in Ohio and Tennessee who both told us that they are not using and have not contracted with Logically. How can we trust your office and/or Logically to "combat" MDM if we are not given accurate information? Did the SOS give us bad information or did Logically give you bad information?**

We received that information from the company. It is possible that Logically worked with entities in those states other than the Secretary of State's office, but we do not have that detailed information.

**In regards to monitoring MDM, has the Secretary of State's office, at any point, reported violations to a social media platform? If so, what social media platform received the violation complaint? What was the complain?**

Our office reported instances of verifiably false information about election operations during the 2022 election. We ceased that practice after November 2022 because our reports were ignored by social media companies. We are not aware of a single instance in which our reports resulted in action by a social media company.

Multiple administrations, the current SOS included, have reported threats to life and infrastructure to social media companies and as well as law enforcement.

**In regards to monitoring MDM, has the Secretary of State's office, reported any posts to law enforcement? If so, has law enforcement accepted the violations reports? We have a legal opinion that says law enforcement should not accept those types of information. Is the Secretary of State putting law enforcement in a position to violate state law by reporting social media MDM?**

No.

**Can you please provide a list of approved safe speech that Oregonians can use online that won't trigger the Secretary of State's office to report their speech to online platforms? Conversely, can you supply a list of prohibited words or phrases that will trigger that action?**

No such list exists.

**Kathy Wai** (*pronounced way*)

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Hi Jessica,

I wanted to follow up and send some additional questions our caucus members have raised for us to get answers in today's meeting.

1. Why has the Secretary of State not met with Leader Helfrich? (The meeting scheduled in September was cancelled by your office and never rescheduled.)
2. Why has the Secretary of State refused to meet with Representative Diehl?
3. Why has the Secretary of State not accepted a meeting request from Representative Scharf, instead offering a staff only meeting?
4. Is the Secretary of State meeting with Democrat legislators?
5. Who is spreading the misinformation regarding Logically – the company or our SOS? On October 27<sup>th</sup>, your office told us that Logically operates in Colorado, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington. Who told you that Logically operates in those states? We've been in contact with the Secretary of State offices in Ohio and Tennessee who both told us that they are not using and have not contracted with Logically. How can we trust your office and/or Logically to "combat" MDM if we are not given accurate information? Did the SOS give us bad information or did Logically give you bad information?
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Thanks,  
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Hello Jessica and Kathy,

Here are the questions we collected for your office. We may have some additional questions that pop up, but we will try to let you know.

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