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The attached letter reflects my thoughts about a serious problem confronting the integrity of elections in the Commonwealth. I have watched with great interest the proceedings of the GR/EB workgroup and find it to be a great start. The problem is the EB members of that group are the cream of the crop of EB members that actually work hard to diligently do their duty. Unfortunately not all the EB members across Virginia are nearly as engaged. The GR/EB workgroup is proceeding as if electoral boards do not have the following serious threats.

- Incompetent EB members
- EB members that place their personal ego gratification above their duty
- EB members that are totally disengaged from the process
- EB members that actively put their political party advantage before election integrity

These are just the threats that I have witnessed as a citizen, EB member and GR. It is time for a fundamental change in Virginia election administration. It just takes one bad decision by one local electoral board to give the entire Commonwealth a black eye. Currently we suffer from too many EB members pretending to know election administration and unfortunately local press, county boards and city councils mistakenly believe that because they believe local electoral boards have the authority, they have the competence. Reducing the authority as well as clarifying and enforcing the duties assigned of the local electoral boards is necessary for the future of elections in the Commonwealth.

Perhaps eliminating the financial compensation to the local EB members would weed out some EB members and it would save the Commonwealth close to \$1 million.

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