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From: jagasiaa@wharton.upenn.edu
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:52 PM
To: kspofford@townsend.ma.us
Subject: Voting Machine Information Request from the Wharton School

Dear Town Clerk,

I'm a researcher at Wharton Public Policy Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting an academic study to understand voting equipment and the election technology industry across the country. As part of this project, Wharton Public Policy Initiative previously published *The Business of Voting*, which surveys the major players in the election technology industry nationwide. Currently, I'm working on an update to that report, which will specifically focus on understanding the variations in prices of voting equipment across the country. I'm very excited to serve as the Massachusetts lead for this project and really hope to use information from Townsend County for our report.

With that in mind, **I am writing to ask if you have access to any contracts from your most recent voting machine procurement.** We understand that the most recent procurement might have been several years ago, but I hope you'll agree that these public records are in the public interest and will contribute significantly to our understanding of the voting technology industry. We have already received contracts from many counties across the country in this national study. Please let me know if you would be able to provide this information or connect us to someone who has access to it.

I very much appreciate your time, and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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