List of panelists for September 12 Meeting

First Panel: Public Opinion Regarding Election Integrity and Effects on Turnout

Andrew Smith – Associate Professor of Practice in Political Science, University of New Hampshire

      Dr. Andrew Smith is an Associate Professor of Practice in Political Science at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Smith's areas of expertise include public opinion, survey methods, and elections. Dr. Smith has conducted numerous polls throughout the country examining voter confidence and faith in the electoral process over time. Dr. Smith is also the Director of the Survey Center at the University of New Hampshire.

Kimball Brace – President, Election Data Services, Inc.

      Kimball Brace is the president of Election Data Services Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in redistricting, election administration, and the analysis and presentation of census and political data. He has testified as an expert witness in redistricting court cases around the country. His areas of expertise include demographic databases, district compactness and contiguity, racial bloc voting, and communities of interest.

John Lott – Founder & President, Crime Prevention Research Center

      Dr. John Lott is the Founder and President of the Crime Prevention Research Center, and is an economist and world recognized expert on the Second Amendment. Dr. Lott is a prolific author for both academic and popular publications, and has conducted research on various topics related to election integrity and voter fraud. Dr. Lott conducted a study that examined the impact election administration reforms have on preventing voter fraud and increasing voter turnout. Key findings from his research identified that election integrity reforms, such as voter photo IDs, increases voter participation rates.

Second Panel: Current Issues in Election Integrity

Ken Block – Founder and President, Simpatico Software Solutions

      Ken Block is the Founder and President of Simpatico Software Solutions, a data analytics firm that identifies patterns of inefficiencies, waste, and fraud. Recently, Mr. Block conducted a study for the Government Accountability Institute, for which he examined voter roll data from 21 states and found more than 8,400 high-confidence duplicate votes in these states during the 2016 presidential election. Mr. Block noted that this study emphasizes the importance of accurate voter roll data as a means to enhance voter confidence in the election process.

<u>Robert Popper – Director of the Election Integrity Project, Judicial Watch</u>

Robert Popper is the Director of the Election Integrity Project at Judicial Watch. Mr. Popper is conducting an ongoing study to examine over-registration in all 50 states. Preliminary findings from his project identified approximately 3.5 million more people on voter rolls than are eligible to vote. Prior to joining Judicial Watch, Mr. Popper worked for eight years in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, including five years as deputy chief of the Voting Section.

<u>Donald Palmer – Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center</u>

Donald Palmer is a BPC fellow focusing on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. He was appointed secretary of the Virginia Board of Elections by former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell in 2011 and served as the commonwealth's chief election official until July 2014. He also served as the Florida Department of State's director of elections during the 2008 and 2010 election cycles. Prior to his work in elections administration, he served as a trial attorney with the Voting Section in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where he enforced federal voting laws and provided guidance to states on compliance.

<u>Hans von Spakovsky – PACEI Commission Member & Senior Legal Fellow, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, The Heritage Foundation</u>

Hans von Spakovsky is a PACEI Commission member and Senior Legal Fellow for the Center of Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation. Before joining the Heritage Foundation, Mr. von Spakovsky served two years as a member of the Federal Election Commission. Previously, Mr. von Spakovsky worked at the Department of Justice as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, providing expertise in enforcing the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act of 2002. He is a member of the Virginia Advisory Board to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

<u>Third Panel: Electronic Voting Systems and Election Integrity</u>

<u>Dr. Andrew Appel – Professor of Computer Science, Princeton University</u>

Dr. Andrew Appel is a professor of Computer Science at Princeton University and Chair of the Computer Science Department. His research and expertise include software verification, applied computer security, and technology policy. Since 2003 a significant part of Dr. Appel's research has been on the technology and security of voting machines and election administration systems and computers. In 2016, Dr. Appel testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee hearing on "Cybersecurity: Ensuring the Integrity of the Ballot Box."

<u>Dr. Ronald Rivest – Professor of Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</u>

Dr. Rivest is a professor of computer science at MIT, whose current research interests include cryptography, computer and network security, voting systems, and algorithms. Dr. Rivest is a member of the CalTech/MIT Voting Technology Project. He has served on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee, advisory to the Election Assistance Commission, developing recommendations for voting system certification standards. Dr. Rivest also serves on the Advisory Board of the Verified Voting Foundation. He is a member of a Scantegrity team developing and testing voting systems that are verifiable "end to end."

<u>Harri Hursti – Co-Founder, Nordic Innovation Labs</u>

Harri Hursti is a recognized data security expert, and is one of the world's foremost authorities on electronic voting security and critical problems and vulnerabilities in electronic voting systems worldwide. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Hursti has conducted ethical hacking research into electronic voting systems. He is most famously known for his successful attempt to demonstrate how the Diebold Election Systems' voting machines could be hacked. Recently, Mr. Hursti attended the July 2017 Def Con Hacker Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada where he demonstrated security vulnerabilities in electronic poll books and voter registration databases.