

## The New Clackamas County Republican Party

November 6, 2023

Secretary of State 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: State of Oregon's alliance with the firm "Logically AI, Inc"

Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade,

As the **Chair** of the **Clackamas County Republican Party**, I am addressing the news that on October 27, 2023, you signed a contract to employ an "AI-powered threat intelligence program" to "identify, advise, and combat harmful MDM (mis-, dis-, and mal-information), online."

There are many questions regarding this ill-advised union between **Oregon** and a company whose goal is to censor the free speech of **Oregonians**.

- Who authorized the use of taxpayer funds to employ a program that will be used against the taxpayers themselves?
- Who determines what is MDM?
- What is the penalty for the determined MDM?

In justifying the purchase of this program, you wrote in your memo; "Currently, and over the last two years, OED and CC have been targeted with a significant increase in burdensome public records requests..."

It is the citizen's right to accurate and transparent elections. The increase in public record requests is a direct result not of socalled disinformation, but of the increasing lack of trust in our elections. Citizens know that mail-in voting and computerized tallying is a system that is fraught with opportunities to cheat. Your new contract is aimed at attacking the symptom of the State's bad governance—when the actual problem is the State's bad governance itself.

With this alliance, you are:

- Initiating illegal surveillance spying on the citizens of Oregon.
- Trampling the United States Constitution's 1st Amendment right to free speech.
- Attempting to initiate a police state.

One that holds the title of **Secretary of State** and believes that government surveillance of its citizens is proper, and complains that it's burdensome to perform the required duties of that position in answering to the citizens that employ her, has elevated herself above the people and must absolutely resign. The **Republicans** of this state are appalled at this latest alliance and will not stand for the mindset you possess in holding one of the most powerful positions in **Oregon**.

On behalf of the Clackamas County Republican Party, I am calling on the Office of Secretary of State to rescind its contract to the company "Logically AI, Inc.", and for you Secretary LaVonne Griffin-Valade to resign!

Your actions are unacceptable to the citizenry of Oregon, and you must vacate the Office of Secretary of State immediately!

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