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Franklin County Board of Elections Clarification on Social Media Video Making the Rounds

(Columbus) The Board of Elections has been made aware of a video making the rounds today on social media. The video begins with a screen shot of a vote cast for Governor in Columbus precinct 49-B. The camera then scrolls down to the paper tape to show that vote was not recorded as the voter intended. After reviewing the video and our Election Day Issue Tracking software, we determined that particular machine had a paper jam and was taken off line. The voter in question was moved to another machine and cast their vote with no issues. The time stamp on the paper tape and the electronic poll book confirm the jam, as does the contemporaneous report of the incident by the polling official logged into the issue tracking software.

In conclusion, the Board wants to reassure voters of Franklin County that the votes cast on our voting machines are recorded as they were intended by the voter. All voting machines are tested by a bipartisan team for accuracy each election for every contest on the ballot. Bipartisan teams are also dispatched to voting locations to address any voting machine issues such as paper jams.

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