



ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEES

Resolution on Protecting Our Elections from Foreign Manipulation

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at the ASDC 2019 Spring Meeting
in Santa Fe, New Mexico

Whereas in 2016 the Russian government launched an extensive attack on America's democracy and the Democratic Party and its leadership in particular;

Whereas the current Administration has not taken sufficient steps in these past 2 ½ years to protect our elections, our candidates, our political parties and our discourse; and

Whereas America's intelligence services have warned that Russia and other nations are likely to attempt to manipulate our elections and discourse once again in this current election cycle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Association of State Democratic Committees (ASDC):

1. urges the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to establish a new party-wide framework which would discourage and prevent the use of the kind of illicit campaign tactics used by Russia against our party in 2016 in the 2020 elections;
2. recommends this framework seek to discourage and prevent hacking and the use of hacked or stolen materials; discourage and prevent the use of disinformation tactics including, but not limited to, the use of fake social media accounts, fake websites, bots, trolls, troll farms, deep fakes and any use of falsified images, video or audio;
3. endorses efforts by Senator Ron Wyden and FEC Chairwoman Ellen Weintraub to protect our elections from cyber-attacks, including by allowing national party committees to use monies from the Party's building funds to provide cybersecurity assistance to campaigns and state parties;
4. encourages a new party wide commitment regarding the reporting of illicit activity discovered from any source to the proper authorities, the social media platforms and the DNC; and to discourage the use of these tactics by supporters, allied groups and institutions and consultants.

Mover: Tina Podlodowski, Chair, Washington Democratic State Central Committee
Seconder: Raymond Buckley, Chair, New Hampshire Democratic Party