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**Auditor Warns: Protect Your  
Social Security Number During Election Process**

CLINTON – Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lancker wants voters to know they do not need to provide their entire social security number in the election process.

“We have heard from some voters that they are receiving phone calls soliciting the caller to request an absentee ballot and the caller asks for the voter’s social security number,” Van Lancker explained. “A voter’s full social security number is not required to receive an absentee ballot.”

Many organizations are making calls to assist voters to obtain absentee ballots as the November 4 General Election nears.

Van Lancker said the absentee ballot request form does include an area for an Iowa driver’s license number or for the last four digits of a person’s social security number. However, Van Lancker said the social security number isn’t needed from the voter if the voter is already registered.

Van Lancker said when a person registers to vote in Iowa; they are required to provide either their Iowa driver’s license number or the last four digits of their social security number.

“There is no time in the election process when we ask a voter for their entire social security number,” said Van Lancker. “In fact, we encourage people to use their Iowa driver’s license or Iowa ID number instead of their social security number when registering to vote.”

Clinton County residents who receive these calls are asked to obtain as much information from the caller as possible and report it to either the Clinton County Auditor’s Office at 563-244-0568 or to Randy Meier with the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office Seniors vs Crime program at 563-242-9211.

Voters with any questions about the November 4 General Election can call the Clinton County Auditor’s Office at 563-244-0568.

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