

Policy Resolution Supporting Continued Federal Funding for the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)

Issue:

The discontinuation of federal funding for the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) threatens the cybersecurity and integrity of local election systems across the United States.

Proposed Policy

The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the U.S. Congress and the Department of Homeland Security, through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), to restore and maintain robust federal funding for the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC). Continued support is essential to ensure that counties and local jurisdictions—particularly those with limited resources—have access to critical cybersecurity services and support to protect election infrastructure.

Background

Since its inception, EI-ISAC has provided a vital layer of defense for local election jurisdictions by offering real-time cyber threat monitoring, incident response, training, and best practices. The center has been especially crucial for small and under-resourced counties that lack the in-house capacity to manage evolving cybersecurity threats.

In February 2025, CISA discontinued its \$10 million annual funding for EI-ISAC, resulting in the suspension of these essential services. Without this support, local governments face increased risk of cyber intrusions, misinformation campaigns, and operational disruptions in the lead-up to the 2026 and 2028 elections.

Counties are on the front lines of election administration and cybersecurity. The absence of EI-ISAC's no-cost tools and collaborative resources puts the integrity of democratic processes at risk.

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact

The elimination of EI-ISAC services disproportionately impacts rural and fiscally constrained counties that relied on the program to fulfill cybersecurity responsibilities mandated by state and federal law. The funding cut exacerbates disparities in election security capacity across jurisdictions.

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