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## **California Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement Following National Association of Secretaries of State Briefing with Intelligence Community**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), together with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), sponsored a classified briefing for elections officials from all 50 states. California Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement.

“Today, Secretaries of State from across the country were briefed by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The intelligence community once again confirmed that the tabulation of votes in the 2016 election was not manipulated or altered. However, ongoing cyber threats—including misinformation campaigns—are very real. Federal agencies and state elections officials are committed to strengthening our cyber defenses. Our ongoing collaboration will be critical as the 2018 elections begin.”

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