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### **Press Release/Public Service Announcement**

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

It has come to the attention of the Mahaska County Auditor's Office and the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office that a few citizens of Mahaska County have received telephone calls originating out of New York State. During these telephone calls, the caller begins asking multiple questions about the upcoming November 8th General Election and the resident's request for an absentee ballot. As these calls continue, the caller informs the Mahaska County citizen that they can register their absentee ballot vote over the telephone and there is no need to return this ballot to the Auditor's Office.

These calls have been reported to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office. It is believed that these calls may be part of an *Election Fraud Scheme*. All residents of Mahaska County are reminded that they are required to complete and return their absentee ballots to the Mahaska County Auditor's Office for their votes to count. Any citizens receiving this type of voter solicitation calls are encouraged to contact the Mahaska County Auditor at (641) 673-7148 or the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office at (641) 673-0347.