

As Weber County Clerk in Utah, I'm heavily involved in elections. In 2017, DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson [designated our nation's elections infrastructure as "Critical."](#) Because of my involvement in election security nationwide, I was invited to help establish the [Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council](#). That summer, we gathered 30 people from across the country, representing local, state and federal governments, including Secretaries of State, County Clerks, election directors, the FBI, Election Assistance Commission, DHS, and others security personnel.

Once created, the Council's primary duty was to coordinate nationwide communications in the event of a national elections cybersecurity incident. My BYU Business Ethics class taught me to speak up, even if I felt unqualified (which I felt). My Accounting and Information Systems classes taught me the importance of safeguards, and my Advanced Business Communications class taught me the importance of writing with the purpose and the audience clearly in mind. As Chair of the Communications Subcommittee, I co-authored the nation's Elections Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan. In 2018, I [testified before congress](#) regarding the importance of securing our nation's elections infrastructure.

BYU's excellent professors and thoughtful, challenging, diverse curricula prepared me to help secure our national elections. Thank you BYU!