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Press Release

Whitfield County Board of Elections and Registrars

While reviewing their printed ballot, the voter remarked that the ballot did not reflect their desired choice. A poll worker immediately helped the voter spoil their printed ballot and assisted them in marking their desired choice, which was cast with no further incident.

This was the only incident among over 6,000 ballots cast in Whitfield County since October 15, 2024. Georgia law allows voters to spoil their printed ballot if they make the wrong selection on the ballot marking device. If a voter requests to change their selections, they are immediately given a new opportunity to mark and print the correct choices.

If we had reason to suspect that the machine was in error, we would have immediately taken the machine out of service. No machines have been taken out of service. The Whitfield County Board of Elections and Registrar's Office is dedicated to protecting the right to vote, and encourage voters to always double check their printed ballot before putting it in the scanner.