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# MEDIA RELEASE

Individuals claiming to represent candidates, political parties, and outside interest groups are currently contacting Lycoming County residents by phone and text message to solicit personal and financial information.

These individuals may offer to help you to register to vote or apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot by phone or text message. They may request personal or financial information such as your date of birth, driver's license number, or Social Security Number.

Even if the offer to help is legitimate, county residents should not provide personal or financial information by phone or by text for voting purposes. It is not permissible to register to vote, apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot, or cast a ballot by phone call or text in Pennsylvania.

Worse, the offer to help may NOT be legitimate – the person contacting you could be a scammer seeking your personal or financial information in order to commit identity fraud.

If you wish to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election, do not trust information provided to you by phone, text, or social media by people or organizations you do not know. Contact the Lycoming County Office of Voter Services at (570) 327-2267. Voter Services is open Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00.

[www.lyco.org/vote](http://www.lyco.org/vote)