



November 10, 2020

VIA U.S. Mail, and Hand-Delivery

The Honorable Brad Raffensperger
Georgia Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Raffensperger:

The Georgia Republican Party and The Donald J. Trump for President Campaign daily continue to receive hundreds of reports of voting discrepancies and errors statewide, including reports of tens of thousands of ballots being unlawfully counted.

To assure confidence in an honest vote, the law authorizes your office to recount and recanvass the ballots wherever and whenever needed prior to the certification of the consolidated returns.¹ The role of your office is to assure public confidence in the integrity and accuracy of the election process. Whenever any “discrepancy” or “error” even “appear” to be present, the law authorizes your office to take corrective action, including a full hand recount of all ballots. (See O.C.G.A. 21-2-495).

Millions of Georgians doubt the process for counting ballots in this state, including substantiated documentary, testimonial and expert evidence of each of the following categories of discrepancy and error your office can take meaningful effort to helpfully resolve: a) ineligible, out-of-state voters casting ballots in the General Election; b) deceased voters casting ballots after their death; c) duplicate ballots by voters; d) ballots counted that were received by mail, but lacked the signature verification required under Georgia law, the only safeguard to prevent false ballots from being included in the vote count when received by mail; e) voters denied the opportunity to vote a regular ballot

¹ See O.C.G.A. 21-2-495; see also your office’s published Candidate Training Guide: Information for County, State and Federal Candidates.

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on November 3 because they were advised that someone had already voted absentee in their name; f) denial of statutory access to observe the opening of ballots, and to observe the counting of ballots; and g) the illicit, ex parte meetings of Vote Review Panels excluding Republican panel members denied notice of the meeting and the opportunity to participate.

As you know, as the Georgia Secretary of State, your office is required by law to “proceed to tabulate, compute, and canvass the votes” for statewide offices and each slate of presidential electors. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-499(a) and 21-2-499(b). “In the event an error is found in the certified returns presented to the Secretary of State or in the tabulation, computation, or canvassing of votes as described in [O.C.G.A. § 21-2-499], the Secretary of State shall notify the county submitting the incorrect returns and direct the county to correct and recertify such returns.” O.C.G.A. § 21-2-499(a). Upon receipt of any corrected certified returns of a county, a new certification of the results is issued and filed in your office. *Id.*

On behalf of the Georgia Republican Party and The Donald J. Trump for President Campaign, we respectfully request, prior to certification of the election results, that your office exercise its statutory authority to order a manual hand recount of every ballot cast within the State of Georgia to ensure the integrity of the ballots and the election process, so that the citizens of Georgia and the United States can have confidence that the results are trustworthy. In order to accomplish that purpose, the following measures are needed to resolve public concerns over the above-mentioned and detailed discrepancies, to-wit:

1. Direct the counties, in the presence of party-designated observers, to re-canvass using a hand-count process the votes for President of the United States, United States Senator (Senator Perdue), and Georgia Public Service Commission (District 1/Commissioner McDonald);
2. Verify, in the presence of party-designated observers, the validity of the signature of any ballot received absentee or by mail;
3. Review the recorded list of voters to cross-check that no person who was unqualified to vote, was nonetheless able to cast a ballot, including those deceased at the time their ballot was cast, those who voted in other jurisdictions, those legally domiciled in other jurisdictions, those

in prison or felons not qualified to vote, and those not qualified citizens of the state;

4. Trace the chain of custody of the ballots from printing to sending, from receipt to counting, to document that the ballots being counted were cast in a legal manner, conforming to the chain of custody of all ballots, and
5. Inspection and confirmation that each ballot received by mail included the requisite notations of the date and time of receipt of the ballot, the signature verification of the absentee ballot, and the signature of the employee conducting the review, as required by Georgia law.

We appreciate your office's state commitment to "fully investigate" every irregularity, and we share this commitment to build confidence in this election. An honest vote requires every lawful vote lawfully cast to be counted and that every voter concern and complaint of irregularity be satisfactorily and thoroughly investigated before your office can tender its official certification to the election. As your office justifiably assured the public:

If somebody has a credible complaint and they have some kind of evidence or trail to an evidence, they can give our office a call . . . cause we want to make sure we protect the integrity of the ballot because that's the way you're going to build trust back in the system that the outcome of the election is correct
--Georgia Secretary of State Press Conference November 6, 2020.

In that respect, we request that you investigate the issues identified above, and are further raised by affidavits we are providing to your office for purposes of your investigation. In particular, we are concerned that the counting of ballots took place in secret after Republican Party observers were dismissed because they were advised that the tabulation center was shutting down for the night. We are further concerned about the "duplication" of spoiled ballots without the statutorily required presence of witnesses.² It is a critical aspect of the truth-finding process of our American system of law that public scrutiny and the fresh light of transparency provides an oversight role critically missing from this election. Your office has publicly committed that

² These affidavits are a sample of the evidence that has been collected.

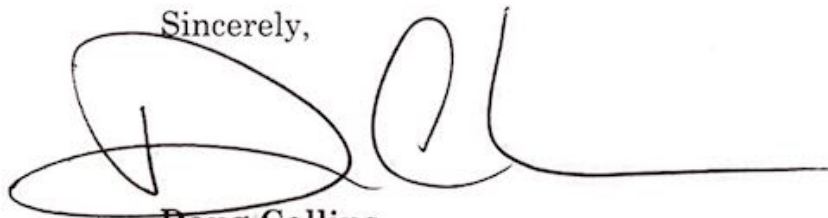
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transparency was vital during the election process and we are troubled that there are multiple reports to the contrary. You have the opportunity through the aforementioned hand recount to restore the transparency that did not exist previously.

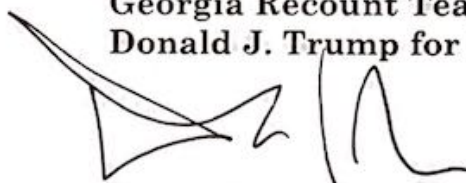
We appreciate your service and look forward to working with your office to accomplish our mutual objectives of protecting the integrity of Georgia's elections.

Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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**Doug Collins,
Georgia Recount Team Leader
Donald J. Trump for President**

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**David J. Shafer
State Chairman
Georgia Republican Party**