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TO: Brad Raffensperger Georgia Secretary of State 214 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 <u>soscontact@sos.ga.gov</u>

RE: REQUEST FOR BALLOT IMAGES AND TALLY SHEET SCANS

Dear GA SOS Raffensperger:

RECORDS REQUEST:

1. Request for ballot images of the 2020 General Election in GA

On your website is a document called "Georgia Voting System Frequently Asked Questions: Meet Democracy Suite (D-Suite)" <u>https://sos.ga.gov/admin/uploads/Voter%20FAQ.pdf</u>. In this document, the answer to the last question mentions the availability of ballot images (emphasis added):

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Q: What if I'm concerned about computer-printed ballots with bar codes?

Most tabulation systems that count paper ballots currently use a barcode to accurately and efficiently count each vote. The Dominion BMD also produces a human-readable ballot summary for voter verification. Plus, election officials test and affirm the security of the system prior to every election, as well as during post-election audits.

While voters can be confident in the ability of the BMD system to ensure trustworthy and accurate election results, Dominion will be working with the Secretary of State's office to address perceived concerns regarding use of marked ballots that feature barcodes. For example, the state can make scanned images of all ballots cast in statewide elections available, allowing anyone to do a ballot count to check the accuracy of results.

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A ballot image audit is the closest thing we can get to reviewing the ballots themselves. Your state did the right thing by conducting a full hand count of the presidential contest. We asked the various Georgia counties to confirm that they were securing the ballot images, and many said "We do not have any ballot images." Of course, we do know that the Dominion scanners you are using DO create ballot images. We are still in the process of interacting with the various counties. We also copied your office on that request.

Our organization has been developing a platform "AuditEngine" which can provide ballot image audits, essentially a full retabulation of ballot images. You can learn more about this service here: <u>https://copswiki.org/Common/AuditEngine</u>.

---> Please provide the ballot images of all ballots in the 2020 General Election, as described in the FAQS document. We intend to retabulate those ballots with our AuditEngine platform. We suggest that you make these ballots generally available to the public. (About 5 million ballots will actually easily fit on one USB Drive, which are now available with capacities of up to 1TB. Or, we can offer that these are uploaded directly to a posting service like Sharefile.com, DropBox, or many others. We can offer direct uploading to AuditEngine as well.)

Please have your office contact us to handle the logistics.

2. REQUEST FOR SCANS OF HAND TALLY SHEETS OF HAND COUNT

Please provide to us (and to the public) scans of all the hand tally sheets used in the 2020 General election to audit the Presidential contest in Georgia.

3. REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS REGARDING POLLING PLACE LINES AND EQUIPMENT

ALLOCATION

It has come to our attention that there were very long lines at many polling locations in the 2020 General Election, particular during early voting in many counties in Georgia. Please provide the following:

- 1. Any data collected regarding the wait times, line lengths, polling places and equipment allocations at polling locations in this election and recent (last few) elections.
- 2. Policies and procedures regarding the determination of voting equipment and other resources at polling locations, and the number and location of polling places.
- 3. Any analyses and/or reports generated regarding the allocation of equipment at polling places and the number of polling places.

Of course, we hope the SOS and the county officials will do a better job and increase the ability for voters to complete their ballots without these absurd lines. The upcoming election will be a short ballot and take even less time to complete.

--> Due to the simplicity of this election and other concerns, the SOS should consider using only hand-marked paper ballots rather than voting machines, to reduce the long lines caused by the delay of using BMD machines.

Sincerely,

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