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I am writing to see if there is anything that can be done to resolve what many believe to be the biggest problem with Georgia elections today. I want to make sure you are aware that VoterGA has provided concrete evidence showing **Dominion ballot images used to tabulate votes for Fulton County's 2020 General Election were electronically altered prior to certification of the results.**

I have attached VoterGA press conference [video](#) and corresponding [slides](#) illustrating how this was discovered by performing a statewide analysis of ballot images after SB202 made them publicly available and subject to Open Records Requests in 2021. We are extremely grateful for this major improvement in ballot image transparency for all Georgia voters. **Had it not been for Senate efforts to improve election transparency we would not have discovered the ballot image tampering that I previously described.**

The data VoterGA received from Fulton County shows in numerous ways there was a **wholesale replacement** of 132,284 original mail-in ballot images. Only 16,034 of 148,318 mail-in ballot images could be authenticated. In addition, all 374,128 original in person ballot images were destroyed. Even after completion of the hand count and machine recount for 522,446 ballots cast, there are still 17,324 certified advanced in-person votes for which no ballot images exist.

For the above reasons, requiring low resolution, Dominion ballot images to be posted online does not address the actual problem of being able to detect voting system malfunctions and election tampering. Expert testimony in the *Favorito v. Wan* case showed that a **600 DPI** resolution copy is necessary to detect counterfeit ballots. Any copy of the ballots must be made **independently** of the Dominion system to ensure the copy is free from electronic vote system tampering.

In 2020, there were four affidavits from senior poll managers who swore they handled counterfeit ballots in the Fulton Co. hand count audit. In the only 2022 primary race audited, a DeKalb hand count audit found the Dominion system declared the wrong winners and failed to count 1805 votes in a single race. **To detect counterfeit ballots and verify secretly counted election results, the actual physical ballots must be subject to Open Records Requests upon completion of an election.**

This can easily be accomplished by Chairwoman Kirkpatrick's SB122 Sections 3, 4, and 5 or House Chairman Blackmon's HB426, which has already passed the Government Affairs Committee. These bills contain the same language to **unseal ballots** as last year's SB89, which had unanimous Republican support and came within a minute of passing into law on Sine Die.

We have been victimized for over two years by false lower court decisions claiming we had no standing to see election ballots. The Georgia Supreme Court overrode these egregious decisions last year by confirming citizens, residents, taxpayers and voters always had standing but we have still not seen ballots yet. **Proper legislative action is required to protect Georgians from more voting rights violations.**

It would be a great accomplishment for Georgia voters and the General Assembly if the General Assembly could get language to unseal ballots passed. SB129 and other bills may be vehicles to achieve that. Thank you for all of your efforts to improve election integrity and transparency in Georgia.

Sincerely,