



June 22, 2023

Dear Georgia Legislators,

I am writing in response to Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger's public [letter](#) dated June 20, 2023, that was sent to you on Tuesday. The letter from the Secretary of State entitled "*Setting the Election Integrity Record Straight*" actually does the opposite. I have attached a [VoterGA Fact Check](#) explaining why **Secretary Raffensperger's letter to you contained 15 false or misleading statements**. If you would like more supporting detail for our Fact Check please contact me.

The Secretary's letter attempts to convince Georgia's public officials that Georgia elections are secure. **Ironically, Secretary Raffensperger is preventing anyone from proving elections are secure by fighting to keep ballots sealed after every election**. Any reasonably intelligent person should be able to see this as the ultimate hypocrisy. **No one can honestly claim security in their elections while continuously fighting to prevent transparency for those elections**.

The MITRE report mentioned in the letter and the call yesterday was funded by the Dominion voting system vendor and produced without access to any of Georgia's voting equipment. **Its non-standard approach to security analysis assumes perfect physical security procedures exist and it has already been [discredited](#) by 29 experts**.

By contrast, the [Halderman Security Analysis](#) mentioned in the call was produced with access to the Dominion voting system as part of the *Curling v. Raffensperger* case. It is important to remember this case was initiated in 2017 after the Center for Elections Center (CES) failed for six months to mitigate a server breach identified by a Bastille Threat Research Team member who reported it to them. Days after the case was filed, then CES Director Michael Barnes allowed the election servers to be wiped clean without properly mitigating the breach. Mr. Barnes was part of the call yesterday. Our [VoterGA study](#) documents the breach and that destruction of election data.

In 2021, SB202 took a great first step in transparency by making public the digital ballot images used to produce cast vote records and tabulate results. However, we found they are too low a resolution to detect counterfeits such as those senior pol managers identified during a 2020 hand count in one county. In that same county we further [determined](#) that the ballot images were electronically altered before 2020 results were certified. That is why making only ballot images public is inadequate to ensure the security of Georgia elections.

To prove elections are secure, physical ballots must be unsealed and subject to Open Records Requests immediately after an election is certified. These public records should be available for inspection in the custody of election officials and for high resolution copying at the requestor's expense independently of the voting equipment. They can then be used to verify election results, detect counterfeits, facilitate election security and restore voter trust in Georgia elections.

Bills already have been introduced this session to accomplish these objectives. Please help us achieve election transparency this session by passing SB122 or HB426.

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