

VoterGA

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Dear Election Board Members,

I am writing to express grave concerns about problems with the 6th District Special Election Runoff (GA6) held on June 20th. The unofficial election results have caused national election integrity experts to unanimously conclude that there is a cloud of doubt as to whether the results can possibly be correct. Here is some background:

1. **Georgia has used unverifiable voting equipment [since 2002](#)**. Voters cannot verify the electronic record of their ballot, election officials cannot audit results independently for vote count accuracy, and recounts only reprint previous unverifiable results.
2. Several patches have been made and the system has **not been fully re-certified** since 2008. No Secretary of State has ever specifically certified any Georgia voting system for accuracy according to law. [\[O.C.G.A. § 21-2-279.2\]](#)
3. 20 computer science professors from throughout America have [explained](#) the problems with Georgia's voting machines to our Secretary of State and offered their assistance in helping to move Georgia to verifiable voting but they received no response
4. 10 different studies from states from Universities such as [Princeton](#), Johns Hopkins, Stanford and Georgia Tech as well as states such as Maryland, Ohio, California and Nevada have concluded that the AccuVote TS machines identical to the ones that we have security flaws use cannot safely and accurately conduct elections
5. Concern about GA6 election hacking heightened recently after voting machine files were left [exposed](#) indefinitely on the Center for Elections' (CES) web site at Kennesaw State University. CES **prepared the ballots that are installed on every GA6 voting machine**.
6. Voting machine **security flaws were found in the April 18th** GA6 election when a memory card from one election was loaded into the live election results of the GA6 election and the GEMS server did not detect it
7. The dramatic percentage differences between verifiable mail-in counts, early voting and Election Day counts indicate that there is a serious problem in the [unofficial results](#). In particular, they point to [questions](#) about the accuracy of the unverifiable machines used on Election Day

For these reasons and many more, I believe that there is risk to the county in certifying the election results until independent parties with the appropriate oversight can perform the proper forensics on the equipment to ensure that was operating properly.

Sincerely,
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