New Video Claims GA Elections Director Lied to Legislators

ATLANTA GA – Voter GA announced today a new video documenting claims that Georgia State Elections Director Chris Harvey made false statements about Georgia elections and voting systems to the House Science and Technology Committee during a September 22 hearing. The 15 minute video presents 7 clips of excerpts, each asserting that Harvey answered legislator questions untruthfully.

VoterGA members sent all committee members a letter with 17 exhibits supporting their contentions that Harvey testified falsely. The letter, video and exhibits cite specific answers where Harvey seems to knowingly and willfully mislead the committee. They assert that his answers contained deceptions such as:

- Concealment of historical problems with Georgia’s voting machines, including situations involving hundreds of lost votes and thousands of invalid votes that were counted in published election results
- Incorrect assertions about what the Georgia election code states,
- Misrepresentation of serious election data exposure and vulnerabilities at Kennesaw State University’s Center for Election Systems, which preps every election for all Georgia counties

The letter mentions that Harvey may be in violation of his obligation to faithfully perform and discharge his duties according to his oath of office as prescribed by O.C.G.A. 45-3-1. The letter, video and exhibits also argue that when Harvey was Deputy Inspector General he conducted politically motivated State Election Board case investigations. The letter contends that these demonstrate a clear violation of his oath that requires performance of duties without malice and partiality.

The exhibits cite a 2009-2010 case where Harvey referred voting machine technician Laura Gallegos to prosecution for accumulation and certification errors that were the legal responsibility of her well-connected Lowndes Co. Elections Director. In another case around that time, Harvey made no attempt to hold a prominent Douglas County Election Board member accountable when he ordered election results to be manually entered from a spreadsheet into the elections server the morning after he reviewed them at home on Election Night. Those new results changed the outcome of the races for Sheriff and County Commission Chairman. Harvey’s investigations were conducted for his superior Shawn LaGrua and they were the subject of a HR1714 Impeachment Resolution filed against her in 2010. Most investigations took place under former Secretary of State Karen Handel.