

VOTERGA

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Dear SAFE Commission Co-Chairs and Members,

As the commission embarks on examining and improving our existing voting system, it is critical to understand **why** there is so much distrust of the system among election integrity advocates and the general public. The commission also must identify how to regain that trust. **VoterGA has accumulated more valuable information about Georgia's voting system than any organization in the country.** We want to share this information with the commission by making a customized presentation on behalf of those election integrity advocates and Information Technology operations professionals who were not included in the makeup of the commission.

In 2006, I co-founded VoterGa, which stands for *Voters Organized for Trusted Election Results in Georgia*. I have over **40 years** of Information Technology experience including about 12 years in online transaction security and **16 years** of part-time research into our current Georgia voting system. I advocated for verifiable, auditable and recount capable voting **prior** to the 2002 implementation of the current system.

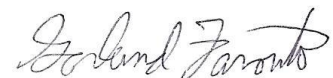
I currently make presentations on our voting system throughout the state and am requesting one hour at a **future** meeting to make a custom 40 minute presentation to the commission and allow for 20 minutes of questions and answers. The topic of my presentation would be: **"Why Many Voters Do Not Trust Georgia's Voting System and 7 Steps Needed to Regain Their Trust"**. The presentation would cover:

- How Georgia's voting system has fared in other states;
- Academic and state commissioned studies of our voting system;
- Historical problems that counties have encountered with vote processing;
- Vulnerabilities in the centralized election preparation process;
- Testing and certification considerations.

I will also walk through what I believe to be **seven objectives that the commission must holistically achieve when recommending a new voting system, procedures and legislation.**

In 2006, I testified in depth at a meeting of the House Governmental Affairs committee which was then chaired by current Rep. Austin Scott. My testimony at that time was in favor of the HB790 voting system bill which was sponsored by then Vice Chairman Harry Geisigner. I also spoke briefly for Secretary Kemp's Election Advisory Council in 2011. I am looking forward to presenting updated information to the commission and **I request that the commission vote today** on whether or not my presentation would be beneficial.

Thank you,



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