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Groups Say Election Director Mised Officials, Must Resign

ATLANTA GA – Several watchdog and advocacy groups called on Secretary of State (SOS) Brad Raffensperger to obtain the **resignation of Georgia State Election Director Chris Harvey** today. The groups include VoterGA, Common Cause Georgia, Georgia Ethics Watchdogs, and the Constitution Party of Georgia.

A VoterGA [letter](#) delivered to Sec. Raffensperger contends Harvey **repeatedly lied to government officials** in public testimony and correspondence including:

- September 22nd, 2017 testimony at a [hearing](#) before the House Science and Technology Committee;
- An August 1st, 2018 [bulletin](#) sent to county election officials;
- A February 25th, 2019 [memo published](#) on the Secretary of State web site.

A [summary](#) also provided to the SOS office identifies **over 20 false or deceptive statements** that Mr. Harvey allegedly made. **Each could be a felony** under Georgia law. [O.C.G.A. 16-10-20](#)

The allegations contend Harvey was **untruthful** to officials because he:

- **Concealed security vulnerabilities** in the current voting system;
- **Failed to disclose voting system problems**, both current and past;
- **Grossly exaggerated paper costs** for a new pre-printed ballot system;
- **Misinterpreted Georgia election law** to usurp county authority.

Supporting documentation and details are provided by VoterGA in:

- Their new, 2019 [letter](#) to the SOS about the published memo;
- A [2018 notice](#) to county election officials regarding Harvey's bulletin;
- A [video](#) and [2017 advisory](#) with [17 exhibits](#) sent to Georgia legislators.

Included are long held allegations that Harvey conducted politically motivated State Election Board investigations to conceal voting system problems when he was Deputy Inspector General reporting to Shawn LaGrua. Some of his cases eventually led to LaGrua being the subject of an [impeachment resolution](#) in the Georgia General Assembly during 2010. [\[HR1714\]](#)

