VoterGA Urges Georgians to Vote by Mail and Avoid BMDs

ATLANTA GA – VoterGA, a Georgia Election Integrity leader for 13 years, announced today it **urges all Georgians to vote by mail** in all elections to help ensure their votes are safely counted. On Thursday, it released guidelines showing:

- How to get a mail-in application via phone, Email or web site;
- How to return the application by Email, mail or fax;
- How to find out where to mail or deliver the completed ballot;
- How to verify that your ballot was received and counted.

The guidelines supported by a 13 point list of Election Integrity Issues explain:
> *"Georgia's new Ballot Marking Device (BMD) voting system accumulates votes hidden in <u>unverifiable bar codes</u>. <u>Recounts will rescan the encrypted bar codes</u> and the vast majority of races will <u>not be audited</u>. Even if a race was audited, only a small percentage of summary sheets will be verified."*

Election Integrity advocates have consistently explained the Dominion ICX Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and proposed Georgia election procedures **cannot be trusted**. Georgia purchased the ICX **after Texas and Colorado rejected it.**

No audits are required for State Senate, State House, County-wide, Municipal, Judicial and other Non-partisan races. Federal and statewide races are slated to be checked by Risk Limiting Audits (RLA) even though Dr. Phillip Stark, inventor of RLAs, wrote to Georgia officials to inform them that **RLAs are** *"meaningless"* **when used for BMDs**. Scientists concluded that **BMDs are just as hackable** as their 20 year old Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) predecessors.

Two federal lawsuits are still pending against the BMDs. Last year, that U.S. District Court declared the Secretary of State **(SOS) office was not trustworthy**. The court cited the office for concealing internet exposures with "*inconsistent candor"* in *"denial and dodging"* of the *"broad scale vulnerability"* involving the 2017 internet breach of the election server at Kennesaw State University (KSU). The court concluded: *"the Defendants' contention that the servers were ... not intentionally destroyed or wiped is **flatly not credible."***

Personnel involved in the server wipe and subsequent cover-up **are still employed** by the SOS. That includes a KSU Director, SOS Elections Director and SOS Legal Counsel. A VoterGA reply to Madison Forum earlier this year defined their roles. **Georgia is still using central ballot building procedures similar to those that exposed the state election system to internet hacking for years.**