

House Leader Misleads Republican Caucus in Opposing Mail-in Ballot Applications for All Voters

ATLANTA GA – VoterGA released a harsh [letter](#) today to the House Republican Majority Caucus criticizing how Chairman Matt Hatchett **misled caucus members** in an [Email](#) that opposed emergency help for voters to vote by mail. Rep. Hatchett's Email sought caucus members to pressure Secretary of State (SOS) Brad Raffensperger into changing plans to send mail-in ballot applications to all voters for the May 19th Georgia Primary Election. Sec. Raffensperger made that decision to **protect voters**, poll workers and residents of senior citizen center precincts from risks of contracting the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Rep. Hatchett's sought caucus members to support House Speaker David Ralston's [letter](#) to Raffensperger urging him to postpone the May 19th election until June 23rd. That election already includes the remainder of the Presidential Preference Primary that was suspended in mid-stream. Ralston urged postponement "*so that voters can vote in the manner in which they are most familiar*" and claimed "*legislative consideration*" was needed before mail-in ballot applications could be sent to all Georgia voters. Georgia counties currently send applications to voters by request. Most Georgia voters have **not** yet voted on the new system and **no Georgia law** prevents counties from sending applications to all voters.

Hatchett's brief Email claimed Democrats and those who support mail-in ballot applications for all voters are "*for a system that does not uphold election integrity*" because it "*breeds fraud*". The VoterGA response details five of Hatchett's statements in a single paragraph all considered as "*false*" and "*misinformation*".

The VoterGA letter explains that:

- Mail-in ballot applications for all voters is a non-partisan issue;
- The new system accumulates votes hidden in QR codes that are 100% unverifiable to voters;
- Most races will not be audited and statewide and federal races will use improper procedures;
- The electronic vote count, not the mail-in vote, in the 2018 Lt. Gov. race appeared rampant with fraud and the election was likely rigged;
- A system using BMDs for all voters breeds fraud and does not uphold election integrity, not mail-in voting.

VoterGA offered a presentation to the caucus and requested Hatchett to respond.