The Georgia Secretary of State’s Bipartisan Task Force for Safe, Secure, and Accessible Elections was formed last fall. We are a diverse group of high-level business, political, civic, and educational leaders in the field of election administration who wish to help ensure that all eligible voters can vote conveniently and safely while having confidence in the integrity of our elections.

As a Task Force, we remain committed to electoral reforms in accordance with best practices for accessibility, security, and transparency in elections. Georgia has made great strides, from the implementation of an Automatic Voter Registration system that helped bring a record number of Georgians to the polls, to the recent GBI signature match audit in one of Georgia’s largest counties that revealed no fraudulent absentee ballots.

As we monitor the progress of elections-related legislation in the Georgia General Assembly, we are concerned that the legislative process is proceeding at a pace that does not allow full examination of all the factors that must be considered. There is a need for responsible elections policymaking to be deliberate and evidence-based, not rushed. When we see proposals that properly balance voter access with integrity, we will voice support.

At the end of the day, we believe everyone can agree in the basic premise that voting by eligible voters should be easy and committing malfeasance or fraud should be hard. We welcome endeavors to ensure that every Georgia voter can be heard and have confidence in the electoral process.

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