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SECRETARY OF STATE

The Honorable Pamela Bondi

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Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear General Bondi,

On June 25, 2021, former President Biden's Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Georgia wrongly alleging that our Election Integrity Act ("SB 202") was enacted with a racially discriminatory purpose and violated the Voting Rights Act. SB 202 put in place common-sense reforms like requiring voter ID for all forms of voting, strengthening absentee ballot procedures, reducing lines at polling places for voters, and requiring quick reporting of results. Despite the common-sense nature of these reforms, former President Biden called SB 202 "Jim Crow in the 21st century" and his allies like Stacey Abrams called it "Jim Crow 2.0" and pressured businesses to boycott Georgia. They were even able to successfully pressure Major League Baseball to move the All-Star Game from Atlanta, costing Georgia businesses, including many minority-owned businesses, upwards of \$100 million. DOJ's lawsuit against Georgia remains pending.

Despite the previous administration's ridiculous rhetoric, subsequent events have shown their claims to be completely false. First, they were unsuccessful in their attempts to preliminarily enjoin SB 202, with the court finding that they were unlikely to succeed on the merits of their claims. Second, and most importantly, elections in Georgia conducted since the passage of SB 202 have seen record turnout, increased confidence in results with smooth, positive experiences reported by voters of all backgrounds and demographics. A University of Georgia poll¹ conducted after the 2022 election found that 99% of voters had no issues casting a ballot. Another UGA poll² conducted after the 2024 election found similar results, with 98% of voters reporting no issues and an even higher percent of black voters reporting no issues casting a ballot.

Fortunately, people are coming to their senses regarding SB 202. In 2023, Major League Baseball awarded the 2025 All Star Game to Atlanta even though Georgia's voting laws have not

¹Hood, M.V. (2023) *University of Georgia Poll finds 99% of Georgia voters reported no issue casting ballot* | Available at: [University of Georgia Poll Finds 99% of Georgia Voters Reported No Issue Casting Ballot](#) | *Georgia Secretary of State Georgia secretary of State*. Available at: (Accessed: 04 February 2025).

² Hood, M.V. (2024) *2024 Georgia Post-Election Survey* | *University of Georgia School of Public & International Affairs*. Available at: [University of Georgia Poll Finds Smooth Voting Experience for 98% of Georgians; Voters Praise Election Officials](#) | *Georgia Secretary of State* (Accessed: 04 February 2025).

changed. I am hopeful that DOJ will reach a similar conclusion and I respectfully request that the Department of Justice reconsider and withdraw its lawsuit, *U.S. v. Georgia*, regarding SB 202. Furthermore, after you have a chance to take a renewed look at Georgia's voting laws without the partisan approach that affected the last administration, I would request that you consider filing a statement of interest in related legal challenges to support Georgia's common-sense approach that ensures secure, accurate, and fair elections. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Raffensperger". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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