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Georgia Citizens File Suit in Federal Court Against Brad Raffensperger, Ask Court To Order Secretary of State To Follow NVRA and Georgia Law

ATLANTA, GA – September 28, 2024 - Georgia citizens have filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against Georgia Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger.

The suit, filed by Georgia citizens and voters William T. Quinn and David Cross, asserts that Georgia Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger has failed to fulfill the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and Georgia law to maintain accurate, and timely registrations in Georgia's voter rolls. The lawsuit seeks to enforce laws that protect Georgians' right to vote from dilution.

Georgia law designates Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger as Georgia's "chief state election official to coordinate the responsibilities of this state under the NVRA. " Consequently, responsibility for maintaining Georgia's voter rolls in compliance with NVRA requirements falls to Mr. Raffensperger. The purpose of the lawsuit is to enforce laws that protect the right to vote from dilution while supporting voter confidence in Georgia's elections.

Georgia's current voter rolls contain thousands of voter registrations that appear to be invalid because the voter in question either permanently moved out of state and is no longer a citizen of Georgia, or permanently moved to a different county in Georgia from the county in which they are presently registered. Prior to filing the case, and subject to the requirements contained within the NVRA, the Plaintiffs provided notice to The Secretary of State regarding these concerns. The Defendant in the case, Brad Raffensperger, has not provided any indication that the state will look into these registrations or take action to confirm their validity as required by law.

Brad Raffensperger the Secretary of State of Georgia has failed to conduct appropriate management of Georgia's Voter Rolls subject to the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA.)

Despite Raffensperger's repeated claims that Georgia has the cleanest voter rolls in the Country, the case asserts that Georgia's voter rolls contain thousands of registrations that appear invalid.

In preparing the lawsuit, the Plaintiffs limited their data to include only those registrants who affirmatively indicated that their move was permanent.

The lawsuit does not seek to cancel or remove any registrations from Georgia's voter rolls. Instead, it asks the court to order that Secretary of State Raffensperger direct the County Election offices to conduct activities to determine whether these apparently invalid registrations include accurate current addresses – something the Counties should already have been doing per NVRA and Georgia law guidelines.

If they are unable to confirm that the registrations in question include accurate and current addresses, the suit simply asks that these registrations be changed to "inactive" status. This change would neither cancel nor remove the registrations from the voter roll and registrants can easily reactivate their registration through communication with their election office.

Additionally, these steps will partially protect former Georgia residents from having their identities stolen and used to vote illegally in their names. Moreover, this relief would protect Plaintiffs' and all Georgia voters' right to vote by safeguarding them from improper vote dilution.

These filings ask the Court to order the Secretary of State's compliance with the NVRA and Georgia law and for Raffensperger to direct Counties to conduct the processes necessary to attempt to determine whether these registrations are accurate.

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