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Chairman LaHood  
House Committee on Governmental Affairs  
131-A State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Chairman Parrish  
House Committee on Rules  
HM-1 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Chairman LaHood, Chairman Parrish, and Members of the Georgia Assembly,

In the face of relentless national scrutiny, Georgia leaders stood strong and did a remarkable job of making the state's election processes more secure and transparent. The majority in the Georgia Assembly and the Governor have worked together to put laws in place that protect legal votes and legal voters.

Now there is an opportunity to further strengthen Georgia's election laws.

In the Senate Ethics Committee hearing on January 23, several election integrity groups provided testimony on **S.B. 355, which would prohibit Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)**. This bill has passed the Georgia Senate and currently sits in the Georgia House. **If signed into law, it will protect Georgia voters from an overly complicated and confusing system of voting that often prevents the candidate receiving the most votes from being declared the winner.**

Alaska and Maine have adopted RCV based on proponents' claims that it will encourage more voter confidence in the process, broaden the candidate field, and reduce negative campaigns.

But results in those states indicate that this system has not improved voter confidence or election administration. **Proving this point, Alaska activists have already collected far more than the required number of valid signatures to qualify for the ballot a full repeal of RCV less than four years after it was implemented.** Five states (Florida, Tennessee, South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho) have already legislatively prohibited RCV.

**Studies have shown that RCV:**

- **Increases negative ads**
- **Discourages voter participation**
- **Adds wait time for results**
- **Puts a greater strain on election workers**
- **Decreases confidence and trust in elections**

Additionally, a recent [article in The Federalist](#) outlined that liberal institutions and organizations also express concerns about RCV; there is bipartisan opposition to this system of voting.



Georgia's leaders battled hard to implement laws that protect voters and help restore faith, trust, and confidence in the system. The current election system you helped put in place works and serves the people of Georgia well. Why would anyone now potentially allow a new system proven to cause chaos and confusion?

**Proactively stopping this policy in Georgia is a positive move for an election system that people can have confidence in.**

The undersigned are committed to election integrity around the country. We urge you to act expeditiously and vote on S.B. 355 and recommend its passage.

Sincerely,

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