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June 3, 2022

Cathy Woolward
Chair
Fulton County Elections Board
130 Peachtree St., Ste 2186
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Dear Chair Woolward:

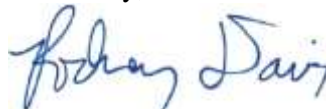
Last week, Minority staff from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration traveled to Georgia to observe the primary elections and meet with key stakeholders. As Ranking Member of the Committee, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about information my staff received during their trip regarding last minute security and other software updates that were made to the county's electronic pollbooks (EPBs), which caused polling locations to open at less-than-full capacity, and request an explanation on how you will ensure that all of the county's devices will be updated in time for the polls to open in November, specifically ensuring that minority and majority polling locations are not disproportionately affected.

America's decentralized elections system is the best in the world, and Republicans are committed to ensuring all eligible voters who want to participate are able to cast ballots and have those ballots counted according to law. Since last Congress, I have met with Secretaries of State, Lt. Governors, and local election administrators from states as wide-ranging as Alaska, Iowa, and New York, among others, to learn about and promote the many first-rate examples of excellence in election administration across the country. Unfortunately, rather than add to those efforts, situations like this one in Fulton County do real damage to voter confidence in our election systems and outcomes at a time when we can least afford it.

In the interest of ensuring that individuals eligible to vote have the opportunity to do so, please respond with an explanation of why and how the security updates were conducted on the EPBs and why the updates occurred on election day. Please also share how you will ensure that all of the county's devices will be updated in time for the polls to open in November, specifically ensuring that minority polling locations are not disproportionately impacted.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by June 23, 2022, to Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
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