Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, **D.C.** 20515

April 21, 2022

Brad Raffensperger Secretary of State 214 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Raffensperger:

As the Ranking Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Education and Labor, we write to share our concerns about the recent report that Stacey Abrams' New Georgia Project, in coordination with Rock the Vote, conducted "voter education" for Atlanta Public Schools' high school students.¹

The lesson plans "taught students that voter identification laws are 'restrictive' and make voting 'more difficult,' and that policies limiting 'flexible voting options' like mail-in voting restrict people's 'freedom to vote."² Further, Nse Ufot, the CEO of Abrams' New Georgia Project, which has the stated purpose of "flip[ping] Georgia blue,"³ has made her low opinion of Republicans clear by stating in a recent article, "I'm not in the business of pretending like [Republicans] are anything but a criminal enterprise that is intent on attacking our democracy and our country and our government from the inside."⁴

This report comes at a time when parents have become increasingly frustrated at the progressive policies infiltrating public education and when voter confidence in our elections systems is at an all-time low. The United States' decentralized election system is one of the strongest in the world. Unfortunately, situations like this one in Atlanta do real damage to voter confidence in our election systems and outcomes at a time when we can least afford it.

We have a duty to instill confidence in America's future voters, not to scare them with the left's political propaganda. We request that you respond to this letter with any plans you may have to prevent or counteract the partisan election education taking place in Atlanta Public Schools.

Please send your response to Caleb Hays, the Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel of the Committee on House Administration, at <u>Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov</u>, and Mandy Schaumburg, General

¹ Jessica Chasmar, *Stacey Abrams-linked group partnered with Atlanta Public Schools on anti-voter ID lessons*, Fox News (March 24, 2022) https://www.foxnews.com/politics/stacey-abrams-group-ga-public-schools

² Id.

³ Id.

⁴ Brakkton Booker, *Georgia: Ground zero for the voting rights battle*, Politico (January 7, 2022)

https://www.politico.com/newsletters/the-recast/2022/01/07/georgia-voting-rights-swing-state-politics-495643

Counsel for the Committee on Education and Labor, at <u>Mandy.Schaumburg@mail.house.gov</u>. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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