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David Ralston  
Speaker of the House  
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Mike Dugan  
Senate Majority Leader  
236 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston and Majority Leader Dugan,

We, members of the Georgia delegation, write to express our deep concerns over recent legislation introduced in the Georgia State House and Senate.

We are pleased that after many recounts and certifications, claims of widespread voter fraud were soundly rejected. Even in a year during which our nation experienced an unprecedented health crisis, among other significant challenges, our state achieved record turnout by Georgians and our system held up. And yet, a number of bills have been introduced that would effectively make it more difficult for Georgians to cast their ballot.

These bills propose several provisions, including eliminating Sunday early voting, which many Black churches use to host "Souls to the Polls" get-out-the-vote events. They would also require a photo ID to request an absentee ballot and restrict the hours and locations of drop boxes to voting sites during official hours, disenfranchising voters without a flexible work schedule.

This is blatant voter suppression. 2020 showed the largest voter turnout ever for Georgia, with minority groups making up a larger share of the state's electorate than ever before. And it is critically important at a time when our democracy has been threatened by the events on January 6<sup>th</sup> to ensure the people of Georgia have faith in our elections. Exceptional voter turnout should be celebrated, not discouraged.

Georgia, and our Nation, are at their best when every eligible voter can easily participate in our democratic process. We will continue to support measures that stand up that premise and hope you will do the same.

Signed,

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