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LWV Georgia Will Fight to Cancel New Voter Purge

Hundreds of thousands of Georgian voters are threatened ahead of 2020 elections

ATLANTA – Last week Georgia Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger announced his intent to purge 330,000 registered voters from the rolls. The League of Women Voters of Georgia plans to fight to protect as many voters as possible who are illegitimately on the purge list.

“While we applaud the transparency of publishing the names and contact information of individual voters on the purge list, there are grave concerns about the sheer number of individuals the Secretary of State intends to remove,” said **Susannah Scott** president of the League of Women Voters of Georgia. “Local boards of elections are key in maintaining voter access rolls and yet many local boards across the state were not even aware of the upcoming notices prior to the Secretary’s announcement in the Atlanta Journal Constitution.”

The League was a major participant in a coalition of nonprofits that sued the state in 2018 over its ‘exact match’ law that would have jeopardized the voter registrations of at least 53,000 voters. In response to a lawsuit, then Secretary Kemp suspended the purge because of a flawed database of matching prerequisites. The suspended purge gave registrants the opportunity to vote at the eleventh hour.

“Secretary Raffensperger must ensure that local election offices have adequate support and training in handling this process, especially where people are attempting to correct their registration status,” **Scott** said. “We will work to protect as many voters as possible and we encourage every voter in the state to check their status now.”

Voters can verify their registration status, register to vote, locate their polling location, get sample ballots and more through our nonpartisan, nationwide one-stop voter information website, Vote411.org.

“The right to vote is the most precious right Americans have,” said **Chris Carson** president of the League of Voters of the United States. “The relentless pursuit to disenfranchise millions of voters in Georgia and across the nation is appalling and a complete disgrace to the rule of law that has made our country the greatest democracy in the world.”

The League of Women Voters of Georgia is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization aimed at empowering voters and defending democracy.

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