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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans:

Our Congressman Ben Cline, has again done the right thing and will vote to support free and fair elections, and yesterday announced his intention to not support Electors who were fraudulently elected or where there was a question about the integrity of the election.

Here is Ben's press release:

Rep. Cline to Support Objections to Presidential Electors on January 6

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released the following statement:

On January 6, 2021, the U.S. House and Senate will convene in a joint session to open the electoral votes submitted by state government officials, certify their validity, count them, and declare the official result of the election. As the representative of Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, I took an oath to uphold the Constitution, and this is a duty that I do not take lightly or without thoughtful consideration and deliberation.

Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution provides that each state shall appoint its electors for president, "in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct." Fortunately, all Legislatures have decided to choose electors through statewide elections, and most appoint all electors to the winner of the statewide popular vote. In addition, the state Legislatures have enacted laws with detailed election rules and procedures by which voters are to choose their presidential electors.

But in the months preceding the 2020 election, those rules and procedures established by the state Legislatures were deliberately changed by a number of individuals, including governors, secretaries of state, elections officials, judges, and private parties. These changes are in direct violation of Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution. That usurpation of the Legislatures' constitutional authority was a primary reason why the 2020 election became riddled with an unprecedented number of allegations of irregularities and improprieties. As a result, prior to the vote last month of the Electoral College, I joined 125 other Members of Congress in urging the Supreme Court to resolve the question surrounding the constitutionality of these slates of electors. Unfortunately, that case was rejected on the basis of insufficient standing. It was not resolved on the merits.

Therefore, because I continue to have serious concerns regarding the constitutionality of these electors, I will vote to uphold objections to their certification on January 6.

Some have cited the Twelfth Amendment in suggesting that our role on January 6 is limited to counting the electoral votes. However, that argument is only relevant if Congress first confirms that the electors were chosen in compliance with Article II, Section 1. Clearly, the electors in these states were not. The authority of the Legislatures in these states was unconstitutionally appropriated by others.

In my office in Washington, I use my chair from the Virginia House of Delegates that I bought when both chambers were renovated back in 2008. It's old, and the springs are

created our local governments as well. Our founders set up a system of, by, and for the people that placed the state Legislatures at its very heart, and that heart still beats strongly today.

It has been my great honor to represent the citizens of the Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representatives over the last two years, and I am grateful to them for re-electing me to another two years last November. But it was my sixteen years in the Virginia House of Delegates, sitting in the Capitol built by Thomas Jefferson to house the oldest elected Legislature in the Western Hemisphere, that shaped my opinions about the roles and responsibilities of all levels and all branches of government. As I stand in defense of our Constitution and the principles enshrined within it, I also stand in defense of the authority of state Legislatures across this great Nation, the citizens they represent, and the great democratic experiment that has endured for centuries. May it continue to endure for many more, and may God continue to Bless these United States of America.

Congressman Ben Cline represents the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia. He previously was an attorney in private practice and served both as an assistant prosecutor and Member of the Virginia House of Delegates. Cline and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Botetourt County with their two children.

Ben is going to take alot of heat for voting to support free and fair elections - it is imperative that each of you write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in support of Ben Cline and free and fair elections. Ben has our back, and he needs to know that we have his.

For the not so good news

On the down side, it looks as though the Democrats have won at least one seat in the Georgia runoff elections held yesterday. There have been significant issues about ballot security and multiple mistakes over the past few months made by the Georgia Secretary of State. We can only hope and pray that Senator Perdue wins his re-election - the race is currently too close to call.

Republicans did out perform in 2 special elections in Virginia, however we did not get over the top in either - losing in House District 2 by less than 3%. Given that the last time this race was contested, we lost by about 21%, this can only bode well for our future in Virginia's 2021 gubernatorial elections.

Want to take a few minutes to thank everyone who went to Georgia or worked on the elections in HD 2 and HD 90. This list includes but is not limited to: Dan Webb, Cody Hanshaw, Tim Griffin, Gene Rose, Skye Riggelman, and so many others whose names

I had planned on going to Georgia this past weekend, but a family emergency kept this from happening. For those of you familiar with the situation, all is fine now. Your prayers and good wishes were appreciated.

In other news

In the next couple of days I will be sending out news about the last 6th District Committee Meeting. If you have emailed me and have not received a response yet, please do not be upset, just the volume of emails that are incoming is so large that it takes time to respond to each one with the respect you deserve. Please accept my apologies and I will be responding to each person requesting a response in the next few days.

Several buses and at least one car caravan went from CD 6 to Washington to stand by Ben Cline and Donald Trump, including one sponsored by the District Committee. Thanks to Amber Haskew, Brandi Thompson, the Bedford County GOP, CD 6 Vice Chair Ken Adams, and Susan Kenney Schick of Winchester for all their hard work in getting adequate transportation for patriots or arranging caravans for people to go en masse.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to each of you for all the hard work you are doing, and are going to do. It is only with your help that we will take back Virginia!

I remain your servant

S John Massoud

6th District Republican Party Chairman



January 9 - Botetourt County Republican Women's Club will be having an informational and educational meeting at the Bellacino's Pizzeria in Daleville Va. Start time is 11 am.

January 16 - State Central Meeting - ZOOM - details to follow



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