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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

State Central Member Doc Troxel puts out a weekly newsletter. Doc's emails give a special insight into what is happening both at RPV, and about all things

Doc's weekly newsletter this week is something each of us need to be reminded of, and that is how unsecure our voting rights are. Thanks again Brother Doc!

Great words of wisdom from our friend Doc Troxel:

An October 7, 2020, report published in U.S. News and World Report noted that "the United States had the second-lowest integrity score among liberal democracies for elections between 2012 and 2018." The article goes on to say that American election integrity rates 57th compared to other nations around the world.

Under the Constitution, state legislatures have total control over the management of elections in their states. And states are waking up to their responsibilities. The Georgia State Election Board has referred 35 cases of voter fraud to law enforcement officials. Arizona is still conducting a forensic audit of Dominion voting machines. And the Michigan legislature passed a bill increasing punishments for election fraud – although that bill was vetoed by their Democrat governor.

Democrats in Congress must be desperate to halt that kind of supervisory review by states of election integrity because they have introduced HR 1, misleadingly called the "For the People Act." It could be more accurately called the "For the Fraud Act." The bill would impose penalties of up to five years in jail and a $100,000 fine against anyone who attempts to "mislead" or "impede" voters in the 60 days leading up to an election.

The language in HR 1 regarding "misleading" voters is almost identical to the language some of the on-line and mainstream news outlets used to justify censoring the conservative side of issues. This was their excuse for hiding, during the run up to the November election, information about the indiscretions and illegal actions of Joe Biden's family. These corporations called those conservative views "misinformation" and effectively censored Americans' First Amendment rights of free speech as well as the right to know the truth about those who run for public office.

The word "impede" could be used to attack anyone who questioned whether a prospective voter was a citizen, was of age, lived in the district, or was otherwise eligible to vote. Instead of being placed in "Facebook jail," people who question the legality of a voter could actually go to real jail. The damage to

our nation's voter integrity could be incalculable. HR 1 would perpetuate the extreme weakening of voter integrity laws that came about because of the Covid-19 quarantine.

HR 1 would allow candidates to siphon off campaign funds for personal use. They could pay personal bills, give money to family members, and pay their own businesses for doing "election-related work" whether it had anything to do with the campaign or not. This could lead greedy politicians to do almost anything to stay in office and keep the "golden eggs" coming.

As noted earlier, several states have taken positive steps toward improving voter integrity. Virginia is required by statute (Section 24.2-671 of the Virginia Code) to conduct "a post-election risk-limiting audit annually of ballot scanner machines in use in the Commonwealth." This is done specifically "to study the accuracy of ballot scanner machines."

The audit proposed this year in Virginia by the State Board of Elections calls for 1400 ballots – out of the millions cast in November – to be audited. Granted that an audit can use a statistical sample to approximate the total without recounting every ballot, but I have done enough work in statistics and research design over the years to recognize that 1400 ballots is a pathetically small sample to check.

My concerns are likewise shared by State Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore Steve Newman, House Republican Leader Todd Gilbert, House Republican Caucus Chair Kathy Byron, and House Republican Whip James Leftwich, Jr. These Republican leaders also note, and rightly so, that the language of the code clearly states that "the audit is intended to test the particular ballot scanner machines in each locality, not simply test the accuracy of the statewide results in a single election contest." The audit plan presented by the State Board of Elections does not meet the requirements of the Virginia Code, but that doesn't stop them from continuing with their missteps.

Voter integrity is under absolute attack in America at all levels of government. If citizens want their votes to mean anything, we must put a stop to these attacks on the keystone of our fundamental right to govern ourselves – the foundational principle of free and honest elections.

Cordially,

Steve "Doc" Troxel, Ph.D.

NOTE - Before I forget, a special shout out to the lovely Amber Haskew,

political director for the Lynchburg GOP, for compiling all this information and making it easy for us to understand.

Don't sit on your couch - your Virginia needs you! Get involved.

I remain

your servant

S John Massoud
6th District Republican Party Chairman

Upcoming Events:

February 22 - Amherst County GOP Committee Meeting. 7 PM - Madison Commuinity Center 424 Woodys Lake Road Madison Heights Amherst Va.

February 23 - Bedford County GOP Committee Meeting - 7 PM - Bedford County Court House, Main Street Bedford Va - Town Council Hall.

February 25 - Bath County GOP Committee Meeting - 6 PM - Court House Building across from the 911 Emergency Center.

February 27, Noon. Meet and Greet for Lt.. Governor candidate Tim Hugo. French's cabin Woodstock Va. Please RSVP to Craig Orndorff at craig.orndorff@gmail.com

March 1 - 7 PM - Liberty University College Republicans, in conjunction with the Virginia 6th Congressional District Republican Party, will be jointly hosting a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. More to follow.

March 29 - 7 PM - Liberty University College Republicans/CD 6 Lt. Governor Forum. More info to follow.

May 1 - RPV 2021 State Convention. Details to follow!

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