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Dear Governor Kemp and Attorney General Carr,

We, as organizations who fight to protect voters and dismantle threats to voting in Georgia, write to address the serious matter concerning the felony criminal indictment of State Senator Shawn Still (District 48), and his current term in office. We request that you move forward with the Constitutional authority bestowed on your office to convene a review commission to remove Senator Still from office.

On August 14, 2023, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office announced felony charges against Sen. Still and 18 other individuals for their alleged role in the fake electors scheme following the 2020 presidential election. Sen. Still, along with others, allegedly signed documents approving electoral votes for former President Trump despite having no authority to serve as qualified electors.

Sen. Still is currently charged with six felonies, including impersonating a public officer, forgery in the first degree, and false statements and writing, among other serious crimes. The allegations raise serious concerns about Sen. Still's ability to fulfill his duties in a manner that upholds the values and principles an elected official must abide by. The charges also prohibit Senator Still from upholding his duties of office. The Senator's alleged actions represent an alarming breach of trust and duty with the communities he serves in the legislature.

As outlined in Article II, Section III, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution,

“Upon indictment for a felony by a grand jury of this state or by the United States, which felony indictment relates to the performance or activities of the office of any public official, the Attorney General or district attorney shall transmit a certified copy of the indictment to the Governor...who shall...appoint a review commission.” Further,

“If the indicted public official is a member of the General Assembly, the commission shall be composed of the Attorney General and one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives. The commission shall provide for a speedy hearing, including notice of the nature and cause of the hearing, process for obtaining witnesses, and the assistance of counsel. Unless a longer period of time is granted by the appointing authority, the commission shall make a written report within 14 days. If the commission determines that the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of the indicted public official and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby, the Governor or, if the Governor is the indicted public official, the Lieutenant Governor shall suspend the public official immediately and without further action pending the final disposition of the case or until the expiration of the officer's term of office, whichever occurs first.”

It is your Constitutional duty to ensure that a review commission is established, with the Attorney General, one member of the Senate, and one member of the House, to consider the removal or suspension of Senator Still. The grave allegations contained in the indictment make clear Senator Still’s alleged activities prohibit him from carrying out his duties of office.

We are calling on you to convene the review commission within 14 days of the indictment. The deadline for the establishment of this commission as outlined under the Georgia Constitution is August 28, 2023, unless an extension is granted. You can reinforce public trust and ensure the continued progress of free and fair elections by demonstrating a commitment to addressing this issue through a fair and constitutional process. While we recognize the presumption of innocence until proven guilty, the pending criminal charges are extremely serious. We firmly believe that it is in the best interest of the State of Georgia for Sen. Still to be removed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will handle this situation with the gravity it deserves, keeping the best interests of the citizens of Senate District 48 and all Georgians in mind.

Signed,

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