# COALITION FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE & MORGAN COUNTY DEMS PROPOSED RULES on ELECTION SECURITY to ST. ELEC. BOARD
## Sample Letter to SEB & Info Sheet
## June 17, 2023

## <u>Proposed Rules Details</u>:

a) Adds definitions for "security incident" and "security vulnerability" for the voting system;

b) Requires local election officials to immediately report security incidents, and preserve evidence including surveillance video;

c) Requires the SEB to promptly investigate reported incidents and vulnerabilities;

d) Explicitly authorizes local officials to invoke Emergency Balloting procedures upon confirmation of any security incident involving the voting system;

e) Requires Emergency Balloting procedures and post-election audits any time the voting system software has been accessed by unauthorized individuals;

f) Requires a public hearing, recommendation by the Secretary of State (SOS) that the system is safe, and vote of the SEB before returning to standard use; and

g) Extends authority to invoke Emergency Balloting procedures to the SOS and SEB, in addition to local Superintendents.

**<u>NOTE</u>:** Counties and poll workers are ALREADY TRAINED in Emergency Balloting procedures, which requires the use of paper ballots which voters mark by pen, then scanned by optical scanners.

CGG's entire 33-page **<u>Petition Package for the Proposed Rules</u>** can be read [here](here).

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## <u>Sample letter</u>:

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

As a Georgia voter from ____ County, I am writing to urge the Board to adopt the proposed rules which the Coalition for Good Governance and the Morgan County Democrats will be presenting to you on Wednesday, June 21st. There are currently no rules protecting GA's election equipment from cyber threats or cybersecurity risks. I believe these rules are necessary for Georgians to regain confidence in our elections, especially given that:

1. Georgia is one of only two states which mandates that all voters who vote in person must use Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs). However, the Election Management System, which runs every BMD in the state, was copied and distributed 'out in the wild' in Jan. 2021, making it easy for foreign or domestic bad actors to target GA's elections.

2. The recently unsealed report by Dr. Alex Halderman, which has been confirmed by the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, makes clear that GA's BMDs are vulnerable to attacks. While the Secretary of State maintains the unsigned MITRE report (commissioned by Dominion) proves otherwise, the top cybersecurity experts in the country have called for the retraction of the irresponsible MITRE report.

3. The Secretary of State's office has recently stated in federal court that no mitigations of the election equipment will happen until 2025. Their stance is that "Georgia's elections are safe," and plans on continuing to mandate voters to use the compromised touchscreen voting machines.

It is therefore imperative that the SEB allow county officials to use Emergency Balloting procedures (which poll workers are already trained to use), as recommended repeatedly by the nation's leading cybersecurity experts.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME

## Further Information:
Coalition for Good Governance's **Press Release on the Halderman Report, with Supplemental Information on Georgia's Voting System Security**: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Press-Release---Halderman-Report-on-Georgia-s-Voting-System-Vulnerabilities-Unsealed-by-Federal-Court.html?soid=1109272168263&aid=SbTfM8n4ps4