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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

You have championed an Election Security bill implementing stronger investigations into election fraud, an important issue to Americans both in Florida and nationwide. We have been told you requested an election security bill from the 2023 Florida legislature. Because there are many pathways to electoral fraud, we are astonished at the lack of preventive measures to address these concerns in the recently introduced Senate and companion House bills.

Moreover, on behalf of grassroots groups across Florida, we are expressing grave concern the bills may fail to address several critical issues:

- Making sure ONLY American Citizens vote
- Controlling Vote by Mail and ensuring Mail-in Ballots are valid and true
- Ability to count votes manually if a county chooses to do so.

The language appears to undermine transparency on Florida's election processes and procedures which could result in curtailing access to the data reports that citizen advocates have utilized to audit key information such as voter records, cast ballots reports and other election summary reports.

Just as troubling, the senate bill facilitates third degree felony charges to volunteer poll watchers who are willing to sign affidavits and expose corruption. Neither bill addresses the issue of the Florida Supervisors of Election's nongovernmental organization that continually opposes election security actions. The FSE operates against transparency and seeks to circumvent Florida Sunshine laws.

No human being can assure the voters that computers are hack proof by enemies within or by foreign entities such as China, Russia, or Iran. Voters deserve to have the original paper ballot they created to be the ultimate decider of an election, not computer-generated replicas. They should also be allowed to hand count their votes. In addition, law enforcement is failing to prosecute the failure to maintain the voter files. All these requirements should be reflected in the law, and they are not addressed in the bills that have been submitted thus far.

We understand you want to protect the ballot box and urge you to require a special session or bill amendments to ensure key issues and reforms are addressed. In their current form, the bills that have been submitted will undo prior reforms that you implemented and will damage your "gold standard" standing on election security in Florida.

Governor DeSantis, we need your swift action and correspondence as to how you would like us to proceed. Please contact [debbie.faris@proton.me](mailto:debbie.faris@proton.me) should you have any questions. With approximately 10 days of session remaining, unless these issues are resolved, the proposed legislation should be gutted. We wish to help you understand and manage the expectations of Florida's citizens who are perplexed that we are even in this predicament being unable to trust elections in America. The failures of the system are evident, and these legislative remedies are not repairing the existing corruption.

At your service,

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