



## The Office of Secretary of State

*Brian P. Kemp*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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### **STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY OF STATE**

Georgia's voter registration system was not breached. The system has been and remains secure. This was a clerical error that has been remedied.

"Our office shares voter registration data every month with news media and political parties that have requested it as required by Georgia law. Due to a clerical error where information was put in the wrong file, 12 recipients received a disc that contained personal identifying information that should not have been included. This violated the policies that I put in place to protect voters personal information. My office undertook immediate corrective action, including contacting each recipient to retrieve the disc, and I have taken additional administrative action within the agency to deal with the error," said Secretary of State Brian Kemp.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(20)(A), personal identifying information cannot be withheld from news media when they verify they are using the information for news purposes. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-225(c), no person that receives this data may use it for any commercial purposes.