



David J. Shafer, Chairman

Key Republican Leaders:

Even though I was hundreds of miles away from Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, I was subpoenaed to testify last week before "House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol" and subjected to four hours of questioning.

The investigators focused on the lawsuit I filed as a co-plaintiff with President Trump contesting the 2020 general election. We filed 1,500 pages of exhibits showing thousands of irregular, unlawful and fraudulent ballots sufficient in scale to cast doubt on the outcome of the election. We were entitled to and requested an expedited hearing.

On December 14, 2020, when the Presidential Electors were required by law to assemble and cast their votes for President and Vice President, our lawsuit contesting the election was still pending. On the advice of legal counsel to preserve President Trump's remedy under the pending contest and following the 1960 precedent from Hawaii when the outcome was still in dispute when the Presidential Electors were required to vote, [I convened the Republican Presidential Elector nominees](#) and we cast our votes. Had I failed to do so, President Trump's lawsuit would have been immediately mooted as there would

be no remedy available to him even if he prevailed.

To my continuing dismay and in violation of state law which requires election contests to be heard within 20 days of being filed, our lawsuit was not assigned to a judge and put down for a hearing until January 8, 2021 - weeks after the 20 day deadline had expired and two days after Congress met to count and certify the votes.

In what is clearly an effort to distract from the manifest failures of the Biden Administration, the Democrats are now trying to characterize our efforts to fight for the integrity of our elections in Georgia as some sort of scandal. The "mainstream" media has produced a series of stories suggesting that the other Presidential Electors and I should be investigated, prosecuted and even incarcerated for daring to object to obvious violations of law and acting lawfully to preserve our legal rights. The House Select Committee moved quickly to subpoena Shawn Still, who served as secretary of the meeting of Presidential Elector nominees, and me, demanding documents and testimony.

Although my attorney accepted service of the subpoena electronically, the House Select Committee dispatched federal marshals to my home in Duluth to physically serve the subpoena on my disabled wife. The message was unmistakable.

Last Friday, my attorney objected on the record to the enforceability of the House Select Committee subpoena and the legality of the Committee's investigation. I then took an oath to tell the truth and answered their every question, rebutting in its entirety the false media narrative that has cast the

lawbreakers as heroes and the law keepers as villains. At the end of my testimony, they closed my deposition and released me from subpoena.

We have entered an extraordinary period in the life of our great nation. Things we have always taken for granted now seem in question. So many things seem beyond our control. But we cannot allow ourselves to be discouraged or to give in to fear. We have too much to do.

Even with the many challenges, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your State Chairman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shafer'.

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Chairman

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