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EASE OF VOTING Support expanding or limiting voting opportunities, such as mail voting, early voting, and more voting locations?	Expand. Would “expand early voting sites and accessible voting centers.” Supports “convenient drop boxes.” Opposes “try[ing] to tinker with mail-in voting.” Supports increasing voter registration for eligible voters. “We should be expanding access to the ballot.”	Mostly limit. Says absentee ballots should be for “elderly,” “disabled,” and those “serving our country overseas...you should make voting in person a priority.” In the Georgia Senate, introduced a bill limiting when absentee ballots can be dropped off and allowing local officials to end voting on Saturdays. Sponsored a bill to allow voters with young children to move to the front of the voting line.
VOTER FRAUD OR VOTER SUPPRESSION Is voter fraud or voter suppression the prime problem in elections?	Suppression. Opposes a Supreme Court decision that “nullified” a 1965 Voting Rights Act prohibition against any voting practice that limited the right to vote based on race: “They cannot take away our right to vote. Says the Secretary of State has an “obligation” to register eligible voters.	Fraud. “ Mail and absentee ballots is where the fraud is.” Said the 2020 election had “irregularities.” Says the state should “make it impossible...to cheat in our elections.”
VOTER ID Support requiring voters to show state-approved ID as an answer to potential voter fraud?	Yes. Says Georgia’s current voter ID requirements allow “safe, accessible elections.” Opposes the SAVE Act , a federal bill requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in a federal election and photo ID to vote: “It’s a false narrative That bill is about preventing people from voting.”	Yes. Would “protect voter ID” in Georgia. Said voter ID requirements “prioritize election integrity.” Supports the SAVE Act , a federal bill requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in a federal election and photo ID to vote. “It’s time for the U.S. Senate to pass the SAVE Act.”
VOTER REGISTRATION Should voter registrations be canceled for not voting?	Mixed. Would follow state laws requiring a “purge” of voters who have not voted in five years; opposes the cancelation. Would defend the right to vote for voters who do not vote. Would “try to re-register” people when voters’ registrations are canceled.	No position found.
VOTER SERVICE Support an increased role for local elections offices?	Yes. Would increase funding for rural county election offices: “I’m concerned about...equity.” Supports increasing funding for “equal and consistent” training for election workers. Would allocate resources to protect election workers: “I’m concerned about the security of workers.”	Mostly yes. Is “a proponent...of giving more local control” as to how many days of early voting. Called a 2021 Georgia bill that gave local election officials more control over absentee ballot processing and voting machine usage and gave the State Elections Board more power over local boards, “a good step forward.”

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VOTING MACHINES—SECURITY Sees foreign or other hacking and data security as threats to voting in Georgia?	Likely yes. Said a new voting system in Georgia “must be built around security, accessibility, transparency, and auditability...not just technically functional.” Would institute a “report card” system to audit election and voting integrity: “There’s not enough transparency .”	Likely yes. Sponsored a bill to remove Georgia from a national nonprofit organization of state election officials that shares voter data across states; says data is being improperly released. Introduced a bill to require all election workers to be U.S. citizens.
VOTING MACHINES—VERIFICATION Sees voting systems with paper trails as necessary for verifying results?	Yes. Says any new voting system in Georgia “must produce a clear, voter-verifiable paper record.” Says that with “the brand new machines that’s coming out,” that’s “going to be good.” Would “follow the law” if Georgia adopted a hand-marked paper ballot system.	Yes. “I’m a proponent of hand-marked paper ballots.” Introduced an amendment to a Georgia bill that instructed a special committee focused on developing Georgia’s new voting system to require on-demand printed ballots rather than pre-printed ones.

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