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Vice President Mike Pence
The White House Office of the Vice President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Mike Pence:

We know of your interest in voting issues, as you are the former chairman of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Since the advisory commission has been disbanded, and given that you will be in Atlanta for a GOP fundraising event, we want to invite you to an opportunity to learn more about the serious challenges confronting voters by attending a pair of National Commission for Voter Justice sessions that will coincide with your visit this weekend.

Inspired by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and Barbara Arnwine, founder and president of the Transformative Justice Coalition, and working closely with its founding partner, the National Bar Association, the National Commission for Voter Justice seeks to highlight, document, and address the scourge of voter suppression across the country, while advancing electoral reform and civic engagement to promote an inclusive and robust U.S. democracy.

This is a non-partisan and diverse commission composed of prominent civil rights leaders, voting rights experts, scholars, elected officials, lawyers, students, and community activists who have undertaken an ambitious schedule of hearings and listening sessions in states across the country.

It happens that two events associated with the commission's work will be held in Atlanta around the time that you are in town to attend the Republican Party of Georgia's annual President's Day fundraising event. The commission's Georgia and South Carolina Regional Hearing will be held in Atlanta, on Saturday March 24th from 4:00-6:30 PM EDT. On the previous evening, March 23rd, commissioners will participate in a Facebook Live Event on the Youth Vote: Voting Rights Now and For Future Generations, which will take place from 7:00-9:00 PM. Both events will be held at Central Presbyterian Church located at 201 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Members of the commission and guest commissioners have been struck by the information that has been revealed by elections officials, activists and grassroots citizens who have formally and informally offered insights on voting issues. Commissioners have found it instructive to gather data and to hear testimony revealing that, rather than so-called "voter fraud," which is exceptionally rare, the real challenge to voting rights and democracy in America comes from voter-suppression schemes that erect unnecessary barriers to the franchise -including restrictive Voter ID laws, limits on same-day registration, and constriction of early voting.

We are certain that you would find these nonpartisan, issue-focused and data-driven sessions to be informative. And we know that the experts who will be attending the Saturday's hearing and Friday night's Facebook Live event would be happy to share their experiences and insights with you.

We hope you will accept this invitation and would, of course, be happy to share more information with you regarding the work of the National Commission for Voter Justice.

Sincerely,

Barbara Arnwine

Co-Chair of the National Commission for Voter Justice, writing on behalf of the commissioners