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Atlanta – Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger announced [a major legal victory](#) protecting the sensitive personal information of Georgia voters after a federal judge dismissed the Department of Justice’s lawsuit seeking an unredacted copy of Georgia’s statewide voter registration list.

“I will always protect the sensitive personal information of Georgians, in accordance with the law and the Constitution,” said Secretary Raffensperger. “I will not give in and break the law for anyone. Period.”

The Department of Justice sought an unredacted copy of Georgia’s statewide voter registration list, including information protected as confidential under Georgia law, such as Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, and dates of birth.

Secretary Raffensperger maintained that Georgia could comply with federal election law while continuing to protect information that state law requires his office to keep confidential.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia agreed.

The Court found that Title III of the Civil Rights Act does not preempt Georgia’s voter privacy law and that the Secretary can comply with federal law while protecting voters’ confidential information. The Court further found that neither the National Voter Registration Act nor the Help America Vote Act requires disclosure of the sensitive information sought by the federal government. Additionally, the Court highlighted that Georgia’s list maintenance efforts demonstrated the Secretary’s compliance with federal election law."

The Court granted Secretary Raffensperger’s motion to dismiss, denied the federal government’s motion to compel production of the records, and ultimately dismissed the case.

“Georgia has worked with our federal partners and will continue to do so, but cooperation does not mean ignoring the law or surrendering the privacy rights of Georgia voters,” Raffensperger said. “We stood our ground because the law was clear, and we are thankful the Court agreed.”
