# **DEFEND FLORIDA NEWSLETTER MARCH 3, 2025**

### **CALLING ALL PATRIOTS**



Several important action items were discussed during tonight's call. Representative Linda Cheney is the Vice Chairwoman of the subcommittee that HB831/SB1330 – Only US Citizens Vote – is being read. If you reside in House District 61, which encompasses parts of Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, your input is especially crucial. Call her Tallahassee office at 850-717-5061 and ask her to support our bill. Post your thoughts on her X account, @SRepLindaChaney and share the link with your friends. Express how HB831 is important to you and that she please give it a favorable response.

A bullet point to mention is: HB831/SB1330 strengthens voter registration checks to remove non-citizens, deceased individuals and out-ofstate movers from voting rolls.

#### **BE A DEFENDER AMBASSADOR**

Be a county Defender Ambassador by supporting Defend Florida's causes. Make phone calls. Send emails and letters to your legislators regarding our legislation. If you are a constituent in Speaker of the House Danny Perez's Miami-Dade district, let him know that you are aware of his heavy-handed tactic against Representative Mike Caruso. Mike was removed as Chair of the House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee as a retaliatory measure after he voted against the TRUMP Act proposed by House leadership and supported by Senate President Albritton and Governor DeSantis. Let Speaker Perez and President Albritton know you don't support such actions, and you want our bill passed and theirs scrapped. Perez's action proves that if leadership doesn't like what you say or support, they will literally send you to the basement. Patriots like Representative Caruso need our encouragement and backing. Let him know you don't approve of the Speaker's unethical behavior.

Representative Caruso's contact information is: 300 House Office Building 402 Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 (850) 717-5087 Mike.Caruso@flhouse.gov

#### HB 1414 – THE PLOT THICKENS

Representative Ingolia's bill, SB1414, is being referred to multiple committees at the same time. It appears there are three House bills that comprise it. HB1318 is by far the longest. Is their intention to disguise that it's basically the same bill?

SB1414 kills manual recounts, kills manual audits and mandates digital ballot images be used instead of paper ballots in a recount. It also removes the ability for citizens to ask for Public Records Requests (PRR). If passed, SB1414 will make current publicly accessible information a security issue and unavailable to the public. How does that increase transparency? Call Senator Ingoglia's office and ask him why he put that in his bill. Ask your legislator... "How do you think your constituents will feel if they know you supported SB1414?

Remember, engaging with your elected representatives is a fundamental part of the democratic process. Your voice matters in shaping legislation that affects your community. We need to keep a watchful eye, so they don't pull a fast one.

# YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING!



At a committee hearing when Secretary of State Cord Byrd was a legislator, he said..." **The paper** (ballot) is the best evidence of the voter intent. It is not the machine count." During his tenure as a legislator, Secretary of State Cord Byrd emphasized the importance of paper ballots in accurately reflecting voter intent. At a committee hearing, he stated, "The paper [ballot] is the best evidence of the voter intent. It is not the machine count." This statement underscores the primacy of physical ballots over electronic tallies in determining voter preferences. Now he is advocating for SB1414 that will remove transparency and turn the Florida election integrity clock back years. Why would he support that?

Georgia is trying to mend their ways through legislation. SB1414 threatens to tarnish Florida's reputation as a leader in election integrity, potentially transforming the state's electoral system from a model of excellence to a questionable standard. This legislation could undermine the progress Florida has made in securing its elections, potentially eroding voter confidence and the state's status as an exemplar of electoral best practices.

Sean Hannity discloses how Georgia's fraud was executed in this video. <u>https://rumble.com/vjwt2x-</u> sean-hannity-on-double-counted-ballots-in-georgiaand-the-arizona-audit.html?start=81

# TALLAHASSEE BOUND

If you are unable to travel to Tallahassee, fear not. You can still be a great Defend Ambassador. We need people to call legislators, especially their own, and push our bills. Call committee members that are hearing our bills and feed them questions they can ask in committee. Be respectful and polite but it's OK to put them on the defensive. For example, ask why are you in favor of non-citizens voting in our elections? Why do you want to ban hand counting of paper ballots in a recount? President Trump wants hand counted paper ballots and single day voting. Why are you proposing/supporting legislation opposing that?

### **DEFEND FLORIDA SUPER STARS**

Raj Dorisamy, Debbie Faris and our bill writer extraordinaire, Deb Monks attended the Steve Stern 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Republican Invitational Golf Tournament and luncheon fund raiser at Doral Country Club. Deb did a slide presentation on election integrity and Debbie co-hosted for Steve Stern. Raj was behind the scenes producing the event.



Debbie Faris



That's Deb way up in the corner. Her slide presentation started before they could do a full screen shot. This broadcast was seen by millions of people across the country. They all did a great job and were excellent ambassadors for Defend Florida.

#### SPREAD THE WORD

Encourage your friends and groups to share the website, newsletter, zoom calls and documents available at www.defendflorida.org