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Dear Secretary of State John B. Scott,

As a coalition of legislators from southern states, we share a common history, legacy, and core set of values. Chief among those values is Freedom – including the freedom to have a say in how our communities are governed, and the sacred freedom to vote.

As such, we are alarmed by recent reports that Texas is rationing voter registration applications for its citizens due to reported "supply chain" issues and an inability to access paper, which your office has cited in the press. Texas' voter registration deadline for the March 1 Primary Election is fast approaching on January 31, and countless voters may be unable to register and make their voices heard. Because Texas is one of just eight states that still does not allow online voter registration, you leave your voters with no option but paper.

Fortunately, we have paper in our states. We would like to extend an offer to the people of Texas to assist with the procurement of paper for the purpose of printing applications to register to vote. While we cannot, at this time, commit direct appropriations from our state coffers, we each have access to state and private resources that we can leverage to help Texas solve its problem.

As you well know, the freedom to vote is the "wellspring of our democracy" that guarantees all other American freedoms. Texas election officials cannot cast aside this freedom because of an alleged paper shortage. Voters in Texas, and across the South, deserve better.

Please see our respective contact information below and know that we stand ready to assist our neighbors to the south in accessing this resource critical to our freedom to vote.

Sincerely,
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