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**** Election Integrity Caucus Launches at *Unrig the System Summit* in New Orleans ****

New Indivisible Guide Supplement Tackles Broken US Election Systems

*Verifiable: Guide to Resisting Voter Suppression and
Hackable Voting Machines*

California election integrity activists attending the cross-partisan *Unrig the System Summit* conference being held at Tulane University in New Orleans, this weekend (Feb 2-4), will unveil a new campaign aimed at securing US elections from foreign and domestic meddling.

“There is strong evidence that voters who preferred Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton to Donald Trump were probably victimized by voter suppression and hackable voting machines,” said Rob Means, principal author of the online document, *Verifiable: Guide to Resisting Voter Suppression and Hackable Voting Machines*. “Clearly, the system is broken. Just look at who is in the White House today. We need to begin securing our election system before the 2018 midterms, and get'er done by 2020.”

He points out that in Georgia’s special runoff election last June, absentee paper ballots showed one candidate (Ossoff) winning 64% to 36%, while electronic voting machines reported that the other candidate (Handel) won the election 52% to 48%. The only verifiable votes cast were the absentee mail-in ballots.

“As voices from across the political spectrum now seriously question the integrity of US elections, our guide aims to enlist Indivisible groups and other grassroots organizations in a pooled effort to confront election problems at the local level,” said Dale Axelrod, one of the guide’s co-authors.

As a supplement to the original Indivisible Guide, *Verifiable* focuses on the vulnerability of exclusively electronic voting systems and calls for a return to hand-marked paper ballots that are subject to routine audits that are robust and cost-effective. “The energy is there to finally address the issue of hackable voting systems,” said Axelrod, “in fact, the Democratic Party has recently adopted a policy to mount a 50-state strategy to ‘pursue all remedies in overturning current and future methods used in undermining U.S. citizens’ right to vote or to have their votes counted as cast in free, fair, verified elections...”

“It is particularly timely to launch the campaign’s guide and website at the *Unrig the System Summit* since the possibility of real systemic change begins with election integrity,” says Axelrod.

WHAT: Launch of *Verifiable* Guide (downloadable at www.ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us) campaign.

WHO: Election Integrity Caucus, a cross-partisan network of concerned citizens and organizations responding to the immediate threat of voter suppression, and foreign or domestic interference in US elections.

WHERE: At the *Unrig the System Summit* — Tulane University, New Orleans, Feb 2 - 4, 2018

WHEN: At the Sunday Morning *UnConference* Session, Feb 4, 11:00am (as chosen by conference attendees).

