

RSLC: Election integrity commission adds leading state officials

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following [the recent announcement](#) of its effort to aid in restoring the American people's confidence in the integrity of their free and fair elections, the Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) today released additional secretaries of state and state legislators who are serving on its Commission on Election Integrity. The RSLC is convening these leading policymakers in order to share and discuss voter-centric current laws and future reforms that make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

“Restoring the public’s trust in our democracy may be a national debate right now, but the Constitution makes clear that improvements to our election laws need to be enacted by state leaders,” **said RSLC President Dee Duncan.** “We have assembled a group of strong leaders who offer a variety of perspectives on the best policies to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat, and we look forward to continuing to serve as a hub of communication for them as they guide their colleagues across the country on how to tailor critical reforms to their respective states. While state Democrats defer to the radical federal legislative changes being pushed by liberals in Washington that will do irreparable damage to our elections, state Republicans are leading on this issue and are focused on producing commonsense results for the American people.”

SECRETARIES OF STATE

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Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee

Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams

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Ohio Speaker of the House Bob Cupp

Oregon House Republican Leader Christine Drazen

Pennsylvania Senate President Jake Corman

Pennsylvania Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler

Washington House Republican Leader JT Wilcox

Wisconsin Senator Duey Stroebel

Virginia Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ryan McDougle

Virginia Senator Jen Kiggans

Virginia House Republican Leader Todd Gilbert

During its weekly meeting on Thursday, the commission continued identifying best practices through a sampling of legislation from all states that increase voter access and participation without sacrificing security, accountability, and transparency. It also was joined by special guests Senator Roby Smith and Representative Bobby Kaufmann of Iowa, who provided an update on the election integrity legislation that passed both chambers in their state this past week.

Here is what they are saying about the commission's work to date.

- **[Wall Street Journal](#)**: “For Better Elections, Copy the Neighbors”
- **[CNN](#)**: “GOP state lawmakers and election officials launch commission to examine voting laws”
- **[Washington Examiner](#)**: “Republican state officials want to make sure 2020 voting changes are temporary”
- **[The Hill](#)**: “The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC), which helps elect Republicans to state legislative seats across the country, announced a similar effort Wednesday with a “commission to restore the American people’s confidence in the integrity of their free and fair elections.”
- **[Fox News](#)**: “The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) on Wednesday also announced it was launching a commission “to restore the American people’s confidence in the integrity of their free and fair elections.”
- **[Townhall](#)**: “GOP State Leadership Committee Takes Aim at Election Reform”
- **[Breitbart](#)**: “GOP Launches Push to Fuel Election Integrity Solutions in Statehouses Nationwide”
- **[Breitbart](#)**: “Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill: Goal Is to ‘Make It Easier to Vote and Harder to Cheat’”
- **[Nikki Haley](#)**: “Luckily, the Republican State Leadership Committee is ready to offer real solutions”
- **[Karl Rove](#)**: “Smart new initiative by the @RSLC bringing leading state Republican policymakers from across the country together to formulate best practices to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.”