



## The Office of Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

December 13, 2016

President-Elect Donald J. Trump  
725 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear President-Elect Trump,

I respectfully write today to request that you task your new Secretary of Homeland Security with investigating the failed cyber-attacks against the Georgia Secretary of State's network firewall.

In my letter dated December 8, 2016 to current DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, I detailed a large attack on our system from November 15, 2016 that traced back to an IP address associated with the Department of Homeland Security.

In addition to this event, my staff has uncovered further instances in 2016 when IP addresses connected to DHS attempted to infiltrate our network. These events were less intrusive scans that did not raise as many red flags. However, the timing is very concerning as these scans correspond to key election dates and times when I was speaking out against DHS' plans to designate elections systems as "critical infrastructure."

The dates in question include the day I testified against DHS' position before the House Oversight Committee; the day of a conference call discussing the designation of Critical Infrastructure with Georgia officials; and several other key election dates, including Election Day. An outline of these attacks are attached to this letter.

Since contacting DHS with these concerns, we have collaborated with the agency and provided extensive, additional information. Last night I received a letter from Secretary Johnson which lacked any specific information as to the attacks' intent or origin despite the fact that many questions remain unanswered.

The people of Georgia are very concerned about what exactly happened here, and they are demanding transparent and honest answers. It appears that will not happen with the current administration. Given that we are a few weeks away from the transition, I write to ask for your help in providing those answers when you assume the Presidency later next month.

Sincerely,

  
Brian P. Kemp

CC:

General John Kelly  
Secretary of Homeland Security Designate

The Honorable Johnny Isakson  
United States Senate

The Honorable David Perdue  
United States Senate

The Honorable Buddy Carter  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Sanford Bishop  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Lynn Westmoreland  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Hank Johnson  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable John Lewis  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Price  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Rob Woodall  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Austin Scott  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Doug Collins  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Jody Hice  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Barry Loudermilk  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Rick Allen  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable David Scott  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Graves  
United States House of Representative

### SCANNING ACTIVITIES FROM 2016

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Relevance to Timing of Scanning Activity</b>  |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Tuesday    | Feb. 2, 2016  | 13:03 CST   | This scan was conducted the day after Georgia's voter registration deadline for the Presidential Preference Primary.   |
| Sunday     | Feb. 28, 2016 | 13:19 CST   | This scan was conducted on a Sunday afternoon, two days before Georgia's Presidential Preference Primary dubbed the SEC Primary.   |
| Monday     | May 23, 2016  | 08:42 CDT   | This scan was conducted the day before Georgia's General Primary.  |
| Monday     | Sep. 12, 2016 | 11:52 CDT   | This scan was conducted just before a conference call between DHS & GEMA to discuss designating elections systems as critical infrastructure, and only three days after a call between elections officials and Secretary Johnson on designating elections systems critical infrastructure. |
| Wednesday  | Sep. 28, 2016 | 07:54 CDT   | This scan was conducted just <i>hours</i> before my testimony opposing the designation of elections systems as critical infrastructure.  |
| Monday     | Oct. 3, 2016  | 10:41 CDT   | This scan was conducted on the Monday after my Congressional testimony opposing the designation of elections systems as critical infrastructure.   |
| Thursday   | Oct. 6, 2016  | 10:14 CDT   | This scan was conducted the week after my Congressional testimony opposing the designation of elections systems as critical infrastructure.  |
| Monday     | Nov. 7, 2016  | 12:15 CST   | This scan was conducted the day before Election Day.   |
| Tuesday    | Nov. 8, 2016  | 07:35 CST   | This scan was conducted on Election Day.   |
| Tuesday    | Nov. 15, 2016 | 07:43 CST   | This scan was conducted exactly one week after the General Election, prior to election results being certified.  |