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### **LDF Statement on Voting Irregularities in Today's Georgia Primary Election**

Sherrilyn Ifill, the President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., issued the following statement regarding the widespread voting delays and irregularities during today's Georgia primary election.

“Today’s primary election in Georgia was a disturbing demonstration of what happens when state officials fail to carry out their responsibilities to ensure free and fair elections. Once again, voters across Georgia faced unacceptable barriers to voting, especially in Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, and Gwinnett counties, which include the Atlanta metropolitan area. Voters were forced to wait in line for hours and faced polling places with insufficient resources, including malfunctioning machines and lack of ballots.

“While it was right to extend voting hours past 7 p.m., it was a travesty that voters in Georgia were faced with such barriers. Georgia has repeatedly failed to adequately prepare to run elections free from obstacles to the ballot that disproportionately harm Black communities. Safe, reliable, and accessible voting procedures for all Georgia voters are essential to the protection and preservation of our democracy. Today, Georgia fell far short of that standard.”

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