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To: Interested Parties

From: Adam Piper, Executive Director

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RE: What Happened in the 2026 Attorney General Races: Hurricane Aftermath

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Last night was the worst election night for the Republican Party in 50 years. Last night, voters regardless of party preferred Democrat candidates by a mean of D +13.8 compared to D +7.9 in 2006 and D +8.4 in 2018. Today, we are dealing with the aftermath of a category-five political hurricane. It will take years to fully rebuild. While there are no moral victories, Republican AG candidates generally ran several points ahead of Republican Senate and gubernatorial candidates.

This year, RAGA spent more than $40 million politically, nearly double its gross political spend compared with 2022. RAGA broke every organizational finance record ever this year, on track to raise more than $50 million combined in all entities.

In a year where Republicans are projected to lose than 51 Congressional seats, nine US Senate seats, six Governors offices, nine legislative majorities, and nine legislative supermajorities, RAGA will come out losing five Republican held states.

Republican AG candidates outperformed other Republicans on the same ballot. Simply put, we would have saved at least 3 seats in either a 2006 or 2018 environment.

Comparison	Average AG Margin Advantage
AG vs. U.S. Senate	**+4.62 percentage points**
AG vs. Governor	**+2.12 percentage points**

Republican AG candidates posted better margins than Republican Senate candidates in **9 of 10 comparable states** and better margins than Republican gubernatorial candidates in **9 of 13 states**.

Iowa (+9.3 versus governor), Ohio (+7.3 versus governor), and Colorado (+10.3 points versus governor; +7.7 versus Senate) were particularly clear examples.

In Florida, Attorney General Uthmeier won by 1.8% while Byron Donalds won the Florida Governorship by 1.3%

In Nebraska, Attorney General Mike Hilgers won reelection by 12.6%. Pete Ricketts won the U.S. Senate race by 6.7% and Jim Pillen won reelection by 8.4%.

No amount of outperformance can make up for the historical Republican losses. RAGA will start to candidate recruit for 2027 and 2028 now and has set the expectation that we will continue to overperform, no matter the environment.

There is also a new class to build around: Jon Echols (Oklahoma), Katherine Robertson (Alabama), Lance Russell (South Dakota), and David Stumbo (South Carolina). Separately, current AGs Alan Wilson won the South Carolina governorship and Marty Jackley won South Dakota's at-large U.S. House seat.

America needs Republican Attorneys General now more than ever. Republican AGs are the only elected officials able to strategically affect federal and state policy. With an emboldened Democrat Congress, Republican AGs are both America's front line and it the last line of defense when it comes to their left wing wish list – such as court packing, the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, Second Amendment restrictions, and abolishing ICE.