Dear EAC:

As a US citizen and politically savvy voter, I have been extremely concerned with the integrity of our country's election systems, especially in the past four years. I am sending the following requests for improvements to these systems:

1. Repeal HAVA.

2. Ban all electronic voting machines!!!

3. Use paper ballots and do HAND counting of them ONLY!!!

4. Create a public domain national exit poll to help insure the integrity of the vote.

5. Make election day a holiday.

6. Create simple, efficient, uniform standards for voter registration and voting.

7. Create a new position in the Obama Administration whose specific task is to create and oversee an efficient, equitable voting system.

8. Make election fraud and voter suppression felonies and prosecute them when necessary.

9. Make it illegal for a Secretary of State to chair any party's presidential campaign.

10. Bring full transparency and citizen oversight back to our

election process. Private companies should not be allowed to claim   proprietary rights to any aspect of our public voting system!!!

PLEASE: Fix our broken and dysfunctional voting system. We must count on you, since we have no one else. Voting is the foundation upon which all of our other rights depend. It is imperative that it have integrity, and we are all aware that such integrity is desperately lacking at present.

Thank you very much for helping WE the citizens of the USA.

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For the past four years, I've volunteered with good government groups
to work on voting integrity. I've been particularly worried about
DREs, with or without a paper trail, as it has been repeatedly
demonstrated by
computer experts and by the startling anomalies during actual elections
that these voting machines are not transparent or reliable. My
principle recommendation for the EAC is to rid this country of DREs and
replace them with a system of paper ballots marked by hand (or ballot
marker for voters with disabilities who prefer to use them) and counted
by optical scanners or by hand. If optical scanners are used, a
mandatory audit (perhaps 20%) needs to be done in which hand counts
would verify the accuracy of the scanners.

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Chairwoman Rodriguez,

I am writing in response to you request for testimony on voting methodology preferences.

I would like to voice a strong preference for only systems where ballots are marked by hand on paper by voters, which at this time only optical scan systems meet this criteria. As we can see by the situation in Minnesota's Senatorial race, it is absolutely necessary to have paper ballots that allow for recounting by hand by human beings. As is also evidenced by the recount in Minnesota, there are plenty of places in the system where chain of custody issues can cause problems. As I read yesterday, in one city in Minnesota, 133 ballots are missing. In a race that could be determined by a handful of votes, this race is primary evidence of how important paper ballots are. Were this race to have been carried out on electronic machines, DRE's, there would be no way to conduct this level of scrutiny of the ballots.

My preference would be to literally throw away every touch screen voting machine in America, and stop letting our votes be counted by large corporations and return vote counting to the people. Elections in this country are too important to be controlled by a couple of companies with connections to one of the major parties in this country.

Sincerely,

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