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(THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE 716 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NYS)

Re: Use of Uncertified Electronic Voting Machines in School Board Elections

Dear

We are writing to you as the chief operating officer of your school district to inform you of a situation which has occurred in several school districts in New York State. The City School Board of Education of Troy, New York, has approved the use of uncertified electronic voting machines for their May 15 School Board elections. In 2006, Salamanca School District also used uncertified electronic voting machines for their school board elections. The decision to use LibertyVote electronic voting machines which have not yet completed New York State testing and are not approved by the New York State Board of Elections, we believe, is a serious mistake.

The use of unapproved voting machines could open the election results to legal challenges from candidates and citizens, potentially throwing the outcome of an election and a school budget into question for many months and will undermine citizen confidence that election results are correct and accurate.

New York State's certification testing process for new voting machines which will be compliant with the Help America Vote Act has been temporarily suspended (January, 2007). Therefore, no voting machines have completed the full testing required for use in this state at this time. In addition, New York State has not yet defined the legal procedures for acceptance and accuracy testing by local officials which would allow them to perform testing on site prior to use. New York State enacted high regulatory standards for voting systems to be used in this state which are designed to protect voters and ensure confidence in election results. Only systems which meet those standards should be considered for use in any municipal, school, or other official election.

Our organizations are dedicated to enfranchising citizens and providing them with the tools they need to exercise the right to vote. If we can be of assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marcia A. Merrins in black ink.

Marcia A. Merrins, President  
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Handwritten signature of Bo Lipari in black ink.

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