

Back to Common Sense Voting

In the wake of the hanging chads of 2000, America rushed to find a modern means to prevent such an election meltdown from ever happening again. Yet the electronic voting machines that were so hastily adopted as the solution have been an abysmal failure. One prestigious study after another, as well as election day disasters all across the nation, have proven this equipment to be poorly designed, error-prone, and a wide open target for election fraud.

- **We have already poured billions of federal, state, and county tax dollars** into paperless touchscreen voting machines like the ones which failed so spectacularly in Sarasota County, FL and Carteret County, NC — and into the related costs of recounts, investigations, and court cases.
- **Now we are being asked to invest even more money to develop add-ons** to ensure that these machines are doing their jobs as promised. Our elections are too important to be used as testing grounds for new, unproven technologies.
- **It doesn't make sense to tie up billions of desperately needed tax dollars** in climate-controlled warehouses full of high-tech gadgets that only get used a few days each year.
- **There is no reason to make voting more complicated or costly than it needs to be.** The majority of Americans vote on a simple, tried and true system of voter-marked paper ballots, where computers are used as a tool to do what they do best — mechanical tasks like counting marks on paper and helping some voters surmount physical or language barriers to voting.
- **Many states are switching back to paper ballots counted by optical scanners** and finding them to be cost-effective, user-friendly, and easily verifiable. Marks on paper that can be counted with the naked eye are something voters inherently understand and trust. Most absentee and provisional votes are already cast this way.
- **We should move our nation as quickly as possible back to common sense elections with strong safeguards for accountability to the voters.** Passing the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007 (HR811) would move us a giant step in that direction.

SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007 (HR 811)

NATIONAL GROUPS

Brennan Center for Justice at NYU
School of Law
Common Cause
Electronic Frontier Foundation
MoveOn.org
The National Election Data Archive
People for the American Way
Verified Voting
VoteTrustUSA

STATE GROUPS

AUDITAZ (AZ)
Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota
Coalition for Peace Action (NJ)
Count the Vote (GA)
Concerned Voters of Centre County (PA)
Defenders of Democracy (GA)
Election Reform Network (PA)
Florida Voters Coalition (FL)
Gathering To Save Our Democracy (TN)
Georgians for Verified Voting (GA)

Iowans for Voting Integrity (IA)
North Carolina Coalition for Verified Voting
Sarasota Alliance for Fair Elections (FL)
SAVE Our Votes (MD)
Southern Coalition for Secured Voting (VA)
TrueVoteMD (MD)
Utah Count Votes (UT)
VoteAllegheny (PA)
VotePA (PA)
Voting Integrity Alliance of Tampa Bay (FL)
Voting Matters/Oregon (OR)