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Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 2:33 PM
To: Last, Jeffrey
Subject: 746 constituents call for paper ballots in November

Dear Jeffrey Last,

Please find attached the signatures of 746 of Rep. Joe Knollenberg's constituents all affirming one simple statement:

"We must act quickly to secure our elections with paper ballots and audits before November."

To download a CSV (Excel compatible) file with these signatures, please click the link below:

http://moveon.org/congaccess/confirm.html?auth=1084-0CD7C91CD40&id=20021-8033754-_7C7ak&t=65

This petition was circulated following the recent *New York Times Magazine* cover story about how flawed, insecure, and hackable electronic voting machines could elect the wrong person president in November. Here's an excerpt:

> *[Electronic voting machines] fail unpredictably, and in extremely strange ways; voters report that their choices "flip" from one candidate to another before their eyes; machines crash or begin to count backward; votes simply vanish. (In the 80-person town of Waldenburg, Ark., touch-screen machines tallied zero votes for one mayoral candidate in 2006—even though he's pretty sure he voted for himself.) Most famously, in the November 2006 Congressional election in Sarasota, Fla., touch-screen machines recorded an 18,000-person "undervote" for a race decided by fewer than 400 votes.*

You can read the rest of the *New York Times Magazine* story at:

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/06/magazine/06Vote-t.html

Rep. Rush Holt has just introduced a new bill, the Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008, which offers funding to states that switch from unreliable electronic voting machines to paper ballots and audits. This bill would be a crucial first step to prevent some of the most dire threats to the 2008 election.

We hope you'll consider co-sponsoring the Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008 (H.R. 5036).

Sincerely,

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