

The undersigned voting rights, civil rights, disability rights, election integrity, and labor organizations urge Congress to pass reform legislation amending the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to support the following principles:

*In support of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Reform*

**Tabulated Accessible Paper Ballot (T.A.P.)  
Principles**

- Voting technology must facilitate the free and private expression of each voter's intent, including those with limited English proficiency and those with disabilities, in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- Where devices such as Direct Record Electronic (DRE) voting machines or ballot-marking devices are used to facilitate access for language minority voters, voters with disabilities, and other voters, such devices must be non-tabulating and produce an accessible paper ballot that the voter can review and approve in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and other laws.
- All vote tallies and all audits must be tabulated from the selections reviewed and approved by the voters on the paper ballots.
- If an automatic tabulator (such as an optical scanner) is used to obtain the official tally, an audit must be conducted by comparing hand counts of ballots to automated counts to ensure the accurate operation of the tabulator.
- All counts, recounts, and audits must be open and observable by the citizenry.

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