To the Congress of the United States:

As a Congressional representative, it is your responsibility to do whatever you can to avert a national crisis.

We, the undersigned, insist on your immediate enactment of the Federal Paper Ballot Emergency Act of 2004 to prevent the crisis of confidence that we will otherwise face in November.

Federal Paper Ballot Emergency Act of 2004

- (1) All votes for Federal offices President, Vice President, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives shall be cast on paper ballots for the November 2004 general election.
- (2) All such votes cast on November 2, 2004 shall be hand counted in public view from the original ballots at the polling places where the votes were cast, and the manual count shall constitute the official count of the votes.
- (3) Hand-counted, polling place totals for all Federal offices shall be prominently posted at the polling places before the ballots are transported to the central facility.
- (4) In any jurisdiction where votes for Federal office are cast on punch card or optical scan ballots and also counted by machine, the machine totals for Federal offices shall also be prominently posted at the location where the votes are machine-counted.
- (5) All absentee votes and early voting votes for Federal offices shall be cast on paper and hand counted in public view from the original ballots at a predetermined, publicly-announced place and time, and the totals shall be prominently posted at the central election office immediately on completion of the counting.
- (6) Precinct results shall be tallied manually or using off-the-shelf products, such as calculators or standard spreadsheets.

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