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New York Should Fight Now to Avoid Computerizing our Elections

New York's lever voting machines, supplemented by our accessible equipment for voters with special needs in every poll site, comply with all federal requirements and give us affordable, reliable voting.

Our lever voting machines can continue to serve us for years to come with inexpensive maintenance.

However, the higher costs of computerized voting and vote-counting equipment across our country has caused problems in many jurisdictions, especially as our economy and tax base shrink. Other states have had to close poll sites, forcing voters to travel farther in order to vote. Some jurisdictions have cancelled elections.

We should not endanger our current trustworthy election administration by moving ahead with new voting technology that we cannot afford to implement properly.

Therefore we urge our city, state, and federal officials to take whatever actions are needed to enable New York to keep our lever voting machines.