Keep Our Lever Voting Machines!

To our city, state, and federal Elected Officials:

Please take all possible actions to enable New York to keep our lever voting machines. We should NOT replace them.

We should return the $50 million in federal money that we accepted for lever replacement because it will cost us more to replace the levers, and we will never stop paying for the higher cost of elections with voter-marked paper ballots and precinct-based optical scanners.

Last year New York counties bought and fielded new, accessible Ballot Marking Devices ("BMDs"). New York is now compliant with federal law. We can have well-run, cost-effective, trustworthy and accessible elections with levers and BMDs.

If New York has extra money, let’s use it for our schools, firehouses, hospitals, senior centers, parks, libraries, affordable housing, teachers and cops.

Our lever voting machines can work for another hundred years with routine maintenance. Parts and service are available and inexpensive. The levers are secure and easy to manage for poll workers, voters and election administrators.

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