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April 12, 2006

John Ravitz, Executive Director Board of Elections in the City of New York Executive Office 32 Broadway New York NY 10004

Dear Mr. Ravitz:

We are concerned about the new voting technology. State by state there are errors, with election results ever more suspect.

If we lose our vote, we lose everything we care about our Democracy.

On March 28, 2006, the Ethical Culture Society of Queens passed the following resolution:

Whereas: One of the most important requirements for legitimate democracy is that citizens have confidence in election outcomes, and

Whereas: only complete counts of 100% of the votes on the voter-verified paper audit records produced by computerized voting machines would earn the unqualified respect of the voters,

Therefore: We urge the New York State Board of Elections to approve the use of paper ballot optical scanner voting systems, and we urge the Board of Elections in the City of New York to select a paper ballot optical scanner system for our future use when New York City stops using lever voting machines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

William Hagel