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Election Transparency Coalition

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Friends in the Middling

Pro bono attorneys - This is an historic lawsuit and needs as much legal resources as we can devote in order to prevail. One attorney working alone will not be able to handle a lawsuit of this size. We cannot file suit without more attorneys on board. **Attorneys interested in helping** should contact Andi Novick anditnovick@gmail.com

We want endorsements from groups, too! We'll link them on our blogsite. Peace groups; good government groups... local and national.

"We're the first state to actually get it right." Douglas Kellner, NY SBOE

Associated Press, Sept. 12, 2008

New York is **full of firsts**. It was the first state in the nation to move from voice voting to paper ballots. It was the first to adopt levers. Will it be the first to reject computerized voting?

Friends on the Ground

That's you! Pick one or more jobs – it takes all of us, as a community, working toward our goal:

- * **Fundraisers** - We only need a half a million dollars to pursue this; totally doable.
- * **Board of Election Buddies** - How are the new systems faring, personnel and training issues, costs, etc? Your county election commissioners need to know what we know; and many prefer the levers. Let's build alliances with them.
- * **Local Liaisons** - Contact local groups- Dems, Repubs, Greens, community civic organizations rotaries, churches, clubs, special interest groups, etc. They all vote! Enlist their support.
- * **News Snoops & Bloggers** - Comb the press for articles on NY's election technology where we can post a comment. Send us the link to any articles that allow for public comment. You post a comment, and so will we.

Dear Petitioners:

Thanks for signing up to **Save Our Levers**, to stop computerized voting systems from being deployed in New York.

Nearly 700 people have signed on, and almost 280 want to be plaintiffs. Of course, not everyone can be a plaintiff. We'll limit the group to one or two per county. A breakdown by county appears at the end of this bulletin.

We still need MORE signatures! We want every county represented. Please send your friends, coworkers and any other voters you know our petition <http://snipurl.com/3q8vp>. They can also sign it by sending us their name, residential address, County, email & phone number (optional). Do they want to be a plaintiff?

Friends in High Places

Not only do we need more petition signers, but we also need some of you to step into leadership roles. Organizing an entire state is a huge undertaking – not something the core group can do without help.

Right now, we need folks connecting with their local Boards of Elections, or their state legislator. Can we have their endorsement of this lawsuit? Will they provide a good quote we can use to motivate other Commissioners or legislators?

Take a look at some of the material listed on page 2, so you can successfully lobby officials.

We've got support! Here's one highly placed friend: NY State Board of Elections Commissioner Douglas Kellner calls these new computerized voting systems "crap" and recently said:

"Right now, there is not a single voting system on the market or in use anywhere in the country that meets current federal voting standards, and very few people realize it."*

* 2005 **Voluntary** Voting System Guidelines

Ask yourself:

What's the least you can do?

Then do at least that much.

Background Info

We've got material at <http://www.re-mediaetc.org/> and at OpEdNews.com. See Andi Novick's page at <http://snipurl.com/3q8v2> or see my page at <http://snipurl.com/3q8uz>. Some of these essays are linked below, and give you the battle plan.

LITIGATION

For a two-page summary of the complaint prepared for lawyers, see <http://snipurl.com/3q8ut>, or see this longer one prepared for the public at <http://snipurl.com/3q8um>.

FACTS & MYTHS

Let's Clear the Air is a handy talking points memo for blogging, or when speaking with the public or elected officials. <http://snipurl.com/44q0g>

TROUBLE WITH NEW SYSTEMS

'Fatally Flawed' Systems Await Voters: 'Drastic Change Needed' The very core of our democracy is in danger. <http://snipurl.com/44qaj>

SysTest Labs under Fire for Shoddy Methods and Collusion with Vendors. Who watches the watchmen? <http://snipurl.com/3q8u8>

Sequoia's Sinking Ship It can't count votes! <http://snipurl.com/44qiu>

See **exclusive video** at **Ballot Stuffing Holes, Illegal USB Ports Add to Sequoia/Dominion Voting System Flaws** <http://snipurl.com/3geI4>

Eyes Wide Shut wonders why election officials want to implement such shoddy, easily hacked voting systems. <http://snipurl.com/3q8tr>

PRO-LEVER ESSAYS

Merits of the Lever Machine, by Bryan Pfaffenberger, PhD <http://snipurl.com/44qu7>

In Defense of Lever Voting Machines, Richard Hayes Phillips, PhD <http://snipurl.com/3q8tz>

SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT

Debunking Pre-Election Testing Myths Twelve expert quotes. <http://snipurl.com/31wg5>

Bibliography of Expert Reports on Software Driven Voting Systems <http://snipurl.com/31wg5>

Thanks again for signing on. Now the real work begins. We need people now, to help with this effort. Will you join our **Friends in High Places** Campaign? Want to head up that committee? Or, can you **send us attorneys** who are willing to help pro bono? And, we always need bloggers.

In solidarity,

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COUNTY	Total	No signers
Alameda	2	Allegany
Albany	13	Cattaraugus
Bronx	9	Cayuga
Broome	4	Chemung
Chautauqua	1	Chenango
Columbia	6	Clinton
Delaware	2	Cortland
Dutchess	130	Franklin
Erie	3	Genesee
Essex	1	Hamilton
Fulton	2	Herkimer
Greene	5	Jefferson
Kings	56	Lewis
Monroe	15	Livingston
Nassau	13	Madison
New York	142	Montgomery
Niagara	2	Oneida
Onondaga	5	Orleans
Ontario	1	Oswego
Orange	14	Rensselaer
Otsego	1	Rockland
Putnam	7	Steuben
Queens	24	Tioga
Richmond	14	Warren
Saratoga	5	Wayne
Schenectady	4	Wyoming
Schoharie	2	Yates
Schuyler	1	
Seneca	1	
St. Lawrence	1	
Suffolk	10	
Sullivan	6	
Tompkins	3	
Ulster	137	
Washington	2	
Westchester	17	
Out of State	6	
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Grand Total	690	

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