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Mr. John Perez, Chair
Voting Modernization Board
c/o Elections Division
Secretary of State's Office
1500 11th Street
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Voting Modernization Board Members:

I would like to add my voice to those that are in support of an extension of the June 30, 2005 deadline for counties to have signed contracts to purchase voting equipment under Proposition 41. Your Board granted a 6 month extension in June, 2004 but at this time California is no closer to having a certified system that meets the AVVPAT and accessibility standards. This uncertainty continues to plague counties and make it difficult, if not impossible, to move forward with concrete plans on how to implement the section 301 provisions of HAVA. An extension to January 1, 2006 will allow the certification authorities and vendors additional time to certify any new technology and will allow counties such as San Luis Obispo sufficient time to make this important decision without all the unknowns that now exist.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Julie L. Rodewald
County Clerk-Recorder