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To the Honorable Members of the Voting Modernization Board:  
John A. Perez, Stephen Kaufman, Michael Bustamante, Tal Finney, and Carl Guardino

Subject: Extension of January 1, 2005 deadline

Please consider my request for your support. It would be most beneficial to Imperial County if you were to extend the January 1, 2005 deadline for counties to submit their Project Documentation Plans.

The primary reason for my request that you consider extending the deadline is the current fiscal concerns that Imperial County along with other counties, is experiencing. This county does not have readily available the funding required to implement the project even though there will ultimately be a 3 to 1 match of the cost of the system. An extension will provide time to consider financing and other funding resources. The recent requirement for a paper verified trail has increased the cost of the system being considered yet no increase in the amount allocated to Imperial County has been proposed.

I believe that extending the deadline, will also relieve some of the pressure election officials who have not yet modernized, are experiencing with election deadlines fast approaching for the Presidential General Election to be held in November. It would be far better for the deadline to carry over to a period where there is no statewide or federal election looming on the horizon. Extending the deadline would be most helpful to me in assuring that all of the guidelines required by the Modernization Board and the Secretary of State are carefully reviewed for compliance in the selection of a system to replace our punch card voting system.

I respectfully request that you consider extending the deadline beyond the January 1, 2005 deadline. I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

Dolores Provencio  
Imperial County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters