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Mr. John A. Perez, Chair,
Voter Modernization Board
C/O Election Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Perez:

I am writing this letter to ask for your serious consideration of changing the deadline for submittal of Project Documentation Plans from January 1, 2005.

We here in the County of Tuolumne have been waiting and watching all that has been going on within the election arena as it has been unfolding to the touchscreen (DRE) voting here in California and in other places in our country. We have been pleased with our ES&S Central Count Optical Scan paper ballots we are watching what we spend and want to spend taxpayer's money wisely. We are extremely close to sending out a RFP's to vendors to comply with HAVA and Prop. 41. With the events from the voting systems and procedures panel and the results from their meetings and Secretary Shelley's edict and finally vendors submitting request for Certification here this months and next I do not see how counties can submit Project Documentation Plans by your current deadline.

It would be extremely beneficial if your committee would extend the deadline until January 1, 2006 or at least until July of 2005

We here in the County of Tuolumne are glad we waited to implement this requirement for obvious reasons and do not want to be left out of the funding process for Prop 41 monies.

Thank you for you and your panel member's consideration on this matter. If you have questions, I can be reach at (209) 533-5570.

Sincerely,

Tim R. Johnson, County Clerk