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CITIZEN AUDIT

Please participate in our effort to verify election results, document complaints, and demonstrate how to run a transparent election. AFTER you vote and leave the poll, fill-out an AUDIT FORM and deposit it in the AUDIT BOX. The 'audit forms' will be counted in public after the polls close. Their results will be published on the CountTheBallots.org website.

American will never really know which candidate won this election or any other. That's because our voting system is an open door to undetectable election fraud and massive miscounts. Currently, 95% of all votes are computer-counted, including paper ballots that are scanned. And 50% of all voting is by absentee or early. Neither federal nor state oversight can safeguard an inherently unobservable voting system. Worse yet, America's public voting system has been privatized and outsourced to a handful of domestic, foreign, and multi-national corporations.

Two companies (ES&S and Diebold) started by two brothers (Bob and Todd Urosevich) will computer count 80% of all America's votes (using touch screen machines and ballot scanners)! It is virtually impossible for poll watchers to detect election fraud when the software is routinely updated and annually re-programmed for each election by company officials. News media exit polls, government-controlled audits, and post election recounts are neither sufficiently transparent to detect election fraud nor constitutional substitutes for the right to have votes counted properly in the first place.

Things weren't always this way. Voting was a completely transparent process in America before the Civil War (even though it was restricted to white males). It was only after the Civil War, as the right to vote extended to African-Americans and eventually to women, that election officials began to restrict direct access to a paper ballot and destroy meaningful public oversight of the voting process. It started with the introduction of absentee voting in the 1870's, secret ballots in the 1880's, and voting machines in the 1890's. Today, our voting system is virtually invisible.

CountTheBallots.org is fighting for our constitutional right to vote and to have our votes counted properly. To fully enforce this right, citizens must have direct access to a paper ballot and meaningful public oversight of the voting process. We support paper ballots and hand counts at the polls on Election Day. We oppose voting machines, ballot counting machines, central counting locations, and early voting. We also suggest that absentee voting be strictly limited to federal elections and Americans living or based abroad; voting and vote counting could be conducted at polls at U.S. embassies, consulates, overseas military bases and military ships.

Democracy demands transparency, not trust.

SUPPORT!

✔ **Paper Ballots**
✔ **Hand-Counts**
✔ **At the Polls**
✔ **On Election Day**

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