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Chairwoman Juanita Millender-McDonald
And Ranking Member Vernon Ehlers

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RE: H. R. 811 (Holt Bill)

Dear Chairwoman McDonald and Ranking Member Ehlers:

I am writing to oppose H.R. 811 and request insertion into the official Record of the Committee on House Administration before the scheduled vote to send the bill to the floor of the House of Representatives. .

My objections to this legislation are many, but its most objectionable requirements include the following:

- Requires all votes in the 2008 federal election to be cast on “durable” paper ballots (i.e. all DREs will have to be junked in favor of optical scan);
- Requires the use of new technology in every polling place in 2008 that does not exist (scanners to convert paper ballots into audio form);
- Required State Audit Boards to conduct a hand audit under specified procedures of up to 10 percent of all ballots cast and explain all discrepancies before the result can be certified.

As the Kane County Clerk, I request that you oppose H.R. 811. Efforts have been made in our County in promoting the integrity of the voting process. The requirements of this bill would erode this integrity and diminish voter confidence while increase the cost of our election. I feel it is time to take a breather and let the dust settle before any additional burdens are added

Respectfully submitted,

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