



April 11, 2007

The Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald  
House of Representative, 37<sup>th</sup> District of California  
2233 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Millender-McDonald:

I am writing to urge your opposition to HR 811 (Holt). While I support many of the worthy components of the measure, I fear the worst possible outcome if this bill is rushed and under funded.

Our Democracy hinges on voter confidence, and a verifiable paper trail is the absolute best way to encourage that confidence. Uniform and systematic auditing is an important component of any system. However, I request your opposition to HR 811 for these important reasons

- ✓ No voting equipment currently meets the standards included in HR 811. The implementation timeline is unattainable with respect to EAC and state certification of voting equipment.
- ✓ The audit requirements of HR 811 will create bureaucracy and compromise ballot security. Many states currently have audit requirements that are efficient, effective and workable.
- ✓ This measure is drastically under funded. While the cost of implementation is about \$3 billion, HR 811 is currently funded at \$1 billion.

I would be happy to supply you with more lengthy comments and concerns if you'd like. Also, I recommend R. Doug Lewis, Executive Director of the Election Center, as an outstanding resource if you would like more information on the impact of HR 811.

Sincerely,

Lori Edwards  
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