

Representative Dan Boren
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 11, 2007

Dear Rep. Boren and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you to ask you to NOT support HB 811.

Oklahoma has an excellent election system. One that I am very proud of and one that I work very hard in to make sure that our elections are open and honest! HB811 would have a detrimental effect on election management in Oklahoma. For one thing, HB811 would delay the certification process for all elections in Oklahoma. We can now certify an election in three days. If we are required to do election audits after every election, this will cause us to have to delay the certification procedures we now have in place. Election audits or election recounts are very time consuming and costly, as I am sure you know.

I know some people in Washington, may believe we have an election crisis. I don't think that is true and I know it is not true in Oklahoma. I know we can always improve, and we try to do that all the time. Please, don't make more demands on a system that is still trying to comply with the federal legislation handed down under HAVA. Sometimes a one size fits all "bill" does not work for every state!

Please do not support HB811. If you have any specific questions, or would like to talk about this particular legislation, please do not hesitate to call me or the Oklahoma State Election Board. We are all working together to keep Oklahoma in first place when it comes to elections and OU!

Thanks for all you do for Oklahoma!

Sincerely yours,

Paula Roberts, Secretary
Cleveland County Election Board