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TO: Secretary of State Debra Bowen  
FR: Election Defense Alliance  
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RE: Testimony for Public Informational Hearing

It has been established by numerous professional studies, including Secretary Bowen's own Top to Bottom Review, that votes counted by software-driven electronic equipment are subject to error and manipulation. **The public has no way to know whether vote totals generated by bits and bytes inside a black box without citizen oversight are accurate or not.**

**It has also been proven by credentialed professionals that a post-election 1% audit is totally insufficient to detect most error or fraud.**

Internet voting, voting by fax and anything that involves computer lines or electronics just submit our votes to that much more risk. Open source code *sounds* good, but we know software can be easily changed any number of ways surreptitiously so even if the open source code checked out on Monday, we would have no way of knowing that that is the same code running on Tuesday.

We cannot understand why the Secretary continues to subject the future of California's government and the future of this country to such undemocratic election practices.

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