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Please direct these comments to the Secretary as she considers a decision regarding voting systems.

Thank you,

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Dear Secretary Bowen,

Imperial County has conducted elections using federal and state certified touch screen equipment since November 2005. We use the Sequoia NYC Edge II and the Sequoia VeriVote Printer for a voter verified paper audit trail, and the 400C with Optech optical scan paper ballots. All subsequent elections have been conducted using this equipment. These are systems that have a remarkable record of being accessible, secure and voter-friendly in many California counties including in Imperial County.

California's post election procedures required by law, such as the 1% manual tally have proven that the final results of the votes cast by voters on these electronic and optical scan voting systems are accurate. This procedure in conjunction with other protocols and procedures established by election officials are the crux of conducting a fair and accurate election.

The top to bottom review excluded election officials and was conducted outside of a real-world election setting which includes election official security protocols and the many citizen volunteer election officials who are trained to provide security for election equipment and ballots every step of the way, to assure that every voter is able to cast a ballot, and that the ballot will be counted and reported as voted.

I look to the Secretary to consider all of these real-world issues and put them into perspective with the reports that were prepared by respected team members, who were required to conduct tests outside of real-world election conditions.

The Secretary should make a decision that instills voter confidence of the voting processes followed in California, and provide on-going recommendations for continued comprehensive improvement in California's voting system certification process for all voting systems not just a select few.

s/Dolores Provencio

YOURS TRULY,

DOLORES PROVENCIO, IMPERIAL COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS