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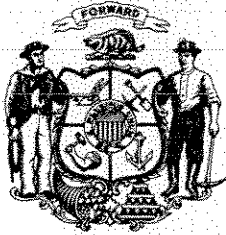
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WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

December 3, 2003

Rep. Stephen Freese, Committee Chair on Campaigns and Elections
115 West, State Capitol
PO Box 8952
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HAND-DELIVERED

Dear Chairman Freese,

AB 680, a bill that limits the use electronic voting systems so that only systems that have a paper ballot can still be used while prohibiting systems that do not produce a paper ballot, was recently introduced and referred to your committee. I ask you to please hold a public hearing and have an executive session on this bill.

AB 680 is bi-partisan legislation that addresses the recent adaptation of electronic voting systems in the voting booth. While these machines avoid the problems of hanging chads and butterfly ballots, they do pose a problem since a physical ballot is never produced. Once a person leaves the voting booth there is no longer a paper trail due to the lack of a verifiable, paper record of an individual's vote. If a recount is called for, there is no paper ballot to hand-count to verify the system's accuracy. Furthermore, voting security as well as protections against fraud and tampering in the software that runs the voting system have also become a major concern.

This bill limits the use electronic voting systems so that only systems that have a paper ballot can still be used, but systems that do not produce a paper ballot are prohibited. Thus, systems that scan a voter's ballot after voting are allowed but machines that use touch-screen features that do not produce a physical ballot are prohibited.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 266-8570.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan
State Representative, 78th District

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