

Request by Voters Executive Summary

The Request by Voters consists of eleven paragraphs or sections, and contains language requesting specific amendments to be made to the bill formerly known as “H.R. 550” (the “Holt Bill”). The amendments requested include three remedies and two recommendations, all of which support open government, transparency in elections and vote counting, and citizen oversight.

- I. Identification of signers as citizens and organizations believing in the need to amend the bill formerly known as H.R. 550 and the “Holt Bill” to enact meaningful election reform.
- II. Acknowledgement that Congressman Holt has indicated he is amending the bill, but that we do not know the nature of the amendments and so are hereby submitting our concerns and recommendations for addressing those concerns.
- III. Mention of a recent Zogby poll that demonstrates the desire of the American people to have access to election information and transparency in vote counting.
- IV. Statement of principle that legislation must be written to support democratic elections and that technology considerations must come second to the foundations of democratic elections, which are transparency and citizen oversight.
- V. Acknowledgement of Congressman Holt’s and others support for election reform.
- VI. Statement of our intention to share our years of work and experience in the area of citizen engagement and election integrity in presenting our remedies and recommendations for restoring democratic elections to the American Republic.
- VII. Our three Remedies are listed in this section.
 - a. Paper ballots as defined as voter marked and read at the first count, and compliance with Federal law requiring Disaster Recovery Plans for all information technology systems, so that any election system using electronic equipment must have in place a hand counted paper ballot backup voting system.
 - b. Freedom of access to election information to provide appropriate and adequate citizen oversight of our elections.
 - c. Restructure the Election Assistance Commission to eliminate the partisan and political nature of its composition and render it a 50-state representational body of election officials and citizens.
- VIII. Our additional two recommendations for restoring democratic elections are listed in this section.
 - d. Accountability Study conducted by the GAO for a comprehensive study and analysis of election administration and post-HAVA election equipment, appropriations, and results therein.
 - e. Congressional Committee to study the election crisis and hold public hearings.
- IX. Introduction and description of new information learned since the original version of H.R. 550 was introduced three years ago.
- X. Explanation that we are providing a copy of the book “Hacked” with our letter to Congress so that every Congressional recipient of same will be fully informed of the evidence supporting our claims and concerns and accountable for their decisions in full knowledge of this evidence.
- XI. Appeal to Congress to consider the evidence and recommendations presented to them and exercise leadership in passing meaningful election reform legislation to restore democratic elections to our nation.