



## U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS

July 7, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors I am writing to applaud your reappointment of Tom Wilkey as Executive Director. Mr. Wilkey is highly respected by election officials as well as the general election community. He is extremely knowledgeable about every aspect of election administration. He has been a pioneer in the drafting of Voting Systems Guidelines. Long before the EAC's existence, Mr. Wilkey devoted himself to improving the quality of our nation's voting systems.

In addition to his deep commitment to improving election administration and his long experience, he is a man of character and courage as witnessed by his public statement that if the Election Assistance Commission failed to certify new voting systems this year he would resign. Mr. Wilkey also has a deep awareness and commitment to making voting accessible, not only to Americans with disabilities, but also to those constituencies that are less likely to participate in the electoral process.

Again, I commend your selection and look forward to a fruitful relationship with yourself and the entire Election Assistance Commission.

Sincerely,

Jim Dickson  
Chair  
EAC Board of Advisors