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U.S. Election Assistance Commissioners,

Electronic "ballots" are unreliable; proposing a mere "paper record" is grossly insufficient.

This entire UOCAVA pilot program, as described, is a non-transparent exercise in futility, for without requiring that an actual, voter-verified paper ballot that is THE BALLOT OF RECORD be generated and counted, all of the electronic "ballots" and tallies will be vulnerable to the usual litany of security breaches, programming errors, and malware that current DREs are subject to.

Please design and deliver a system that provides, guards under strict chain-of-custody protocols, and counts ONLY voter-marked, voter-verified, printed-out, human- and machine-readable and countable PAPER BALLOTS.

Thank you,

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