

Date	Commentor	Comment
3/1/2019	Karen Corley	BARCODE-type ballots be prohibited in every state.
3/1/2019	Peter Hubbard	Please Send PDF of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0
3/2/2019	Patricia Castellano	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paper ballots, please. Not only ballot-marking devices for disabled, but everyone marks their own ballot. 2. No bar code voting (what are safeguards to check the accuracy of the voting? Easy to change bar codes) 3. No DRE's (principles are well and good, but equipment counts)
3/4/2019	Sharon Laskowski	Suggestions for making it easier to navigate the website to find the VVSG, Federal Register Notice, etc.
3/4/2019	Sara Panis	Request for additional information on the certification
3/6/2019	Ebrahim Daneshifar	Please Send PDF of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0
3/8/2019	Linda Hutchinson	Please Send PDF of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0
3/28/2019	Beau Smith	Suggestions for making it easier to navigate the website to find the VVSG, Federal Register Notice, etc.
3/31/2019	Helen Woods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prohibition of direct recording electronic machines 2. hand-marked paper ballots whenever people are able to use them
3/31/2019	Molly Watson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand-marked Paper Ballots 2. Robust post election audits 3. Direct recording devices need to be prohibited
3/31/2019	Beatrice Krivatsy	Handmarked paper ballots are cheaper and mor secure.
3/31/2019	Catriona Runcie	Hand-marked paper ballots should be our primary voting system. All machines are vulnerable to hacking and/or manipulation by corrupt insiders. Tallying should be done in public with bi-partisan oversight, ideally involving lay
3/31/2019	Lori Masielle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct recording electronic machines should be prohibited. The risk of hacking is too great. 2. Hand marked paper ballots should be strongly recommended with accommodations made for the disabled. 3. Mandatory and transparent audits must be had to assure
3/31/2019	Brit Eames	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want direct recording electronic machines prohibited. 2. I'd also like to see hand-marked paper ballots used whenever possible. 3. And I demand mandatory robust and transparent audits for all elections, statewide.
4/1/2019	Madeleine Wilken	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. hand-marked paper ballots, 2. voter-readable (NOT bar-coded) paper backups, and 3. rigorous post-election risk-limiting audits!
4/1/2019	Teri Singer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We demand direct recording electronic machines be prohibited. 2. We want hand-marked paper ballots.

4/2/2019	Barbara Glassman	<p>1. I hope the guidelines will limit the use of ballot-marking devices to the disabled. Hand-marked paper ballots counted by hand or scanner should be available to everyone else because they are more secure, less expensive, and auditable.</p> <p>2. Audits are an essential element of election integrity: “[W]ell-designed hand-marked paper ballots combined with risk-limiting post-election tabulation audits is the gold</p>
4/3/2019	Ray Lutz	Suggestions for making it easier to navigate the website to find the VVSG, and requested additional information on
4/8/2019	Unisyn Voting Solutions	See document provide. 14 total comments most requesting and/or providing clarification and substantiation to ambiguous language (i.e. define easily, real-world, best
4/19/2019	Bettina Maravolo	I support the VVSG. Notably, the guidelines require that voters understand all documentation on the voting system and all information presented on the ballot are
4/19/2019	Sam Bonar	<p>Express support for these strengthened guidelines and standards for our elections as soon as possible. We need as much teeth to make sure states guarantee transparency, high quality design and usability, audit-ability, and interoperability.</p> <p>I would also like to urge you to add and clarify requirements for voting systems to be able to handle alternative voting systems (such as Ranked Choice Voting and Star Voting) that</p>
4/19/2019	Lauren Galanter	Strong support for the current VVSG 2.0 draft. Most important to me are Principles 1 and 2 for high-quality design and implementation that employ best practices in
4/22/2019	Elizabeth Kim	<p>This is very exciting. Thank you for giving others a chance to participate in this process. These guidelines set a very admirable standard for designers everywhere!</p> <p>1) What does "the voting system" include? Is it just the stuff that happens when the user is at a site ready to cast a ballot? It could be helpful to include this at the top of the guidelines.</p> <p>I ask this because I am wondering if...</p> <p>2) principle 5: there should be a note about how everyone should have the same degree of access, ability and convenience as anyone else regardless of income/place of work, access to transportation, etc. In reaching voting sites or accessing information about the vote? (Not disability related. More about a voter's non-physical/mental circumstances.)</p>

4/25/2019	Suzanne	Please —for the sake of remaining a Democracy— include a guideline that there be no internet connectivity in electronic voting machines. Better yet specify HAND MARKED PAPER
4/25/2019	Nancy Groninger	<p>I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, I believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, I urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>
4/25/2019	Jillian Elliott	<p>I am writing to urge that that Voluntary Voting System Guidelines being drafted through the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to help secure and protect our elections by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Include language for ensuring the systems do not have wireless or Internet connectivity, to decrease chances of hacking; and 2) Include a paper verification to ensure that votes are cast and recorded correctly and a paper backup is available in case of any dispute or malfunction of the electronic system. <p>Nothing is more important to democracy than protecting our elections and these safeguards are an essential part of this protection.</p> <p><u>Thank you for all you are doing to protect our voting</u></p>
4/25/2019	Dominique Pasqua	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>

4/25/2019	Hope E. Ransom	<p>I'm U.S. citizen and a disabled USAF veteran who takes my right to vote seriously. I'm deeply concerned about Russia's interference in our 2016 election and consider those actions and their ongoing cyber attacks: acts of war. They (and other hostile foreign nations such as China) will continue to try to destroy our Democracy. We must be vigilant and do all we are able to protect America and protecting our voting system is paramount.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, I do believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, I urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure"</p>
4/25/2019	Lisa Geisness	<p>I am writing tonight to ask you with a fervent heart to ban wireless modems and internet connectivity in your new guidelines for voting equipment.</p> <p>I know you are likely receiving comments from others also pleading that this ban be included and laying out the full persuasive arguments, so I won't waste your time in rehashing it. Instead, I just want to mention that there are SO MANY PEOPLE who are talking about this who agree but aren't the letter-writing sort.</p> <p>Tonight, a meeting ostensible for athletic parents to plan and budget for the forthcoming school year became a kind of town hall on on election security and our hopes and fears. To a person, the crowd believed that wireless modems and internet connectivity rendered our voting system vulnerable and undermined our ability to trust the outcome. TO TRUST THE OUTCOME— that is frightening (and yet astute).</p>
4/25/2019	Nancy Garcia	<p>I am writing to urge that the Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines call for isolating voting equipment and excluding wireless or Internet connectivity to reduce vulnerability to</p>

4/25/2019	Julie Charles	Please be sure to ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in the new voting equipment guidelines. We must have the utmost security on our machines, as
4/25/2019	Denise M. Amos	Please ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in new voting equipment guidelines. Paper Ballots with auditable trail would be far safer. If you insist on using HIGHLY HACKABLE electronic systems, the very least you can do is to ban modems, and ban internet connectivity. And make absolutely certain that the system creates un-editable backups at all times in use, so any changes to system or software can be documented and
4/25/2019	Steve Baker	Please ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in your new voting equipment guidelines.
4/25/2019	Jane Pepler	As a citizen and a voter I'm horrified by the expensive and easily corruptible "permission to cheat" voting systems being adopted by (1) those accepting money from the industry (2) those who feel they will profit from the hacking. Confidence in our most sacred right is plummeting. The only way to have fair elections in this hacking-dominated era is hand marked auditable PAPER BALLOTS. Cheaper,
4/25/2019	Linda Dunbrack	I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), especially and its strong guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy. HOWEVER, the guidelines do not fully insure the integrity our election systems in an age where they are actively being targeted for interference through cyber attacks. It is essential that the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, I strongly urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION: "The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure" Thank you all for your hard and important work to protect
4/25/2019	Lewis Moller	No voting machine connected to the net or by modem can be protected from hacking so why risk the integrity of the voting process for minimal gains?

4/25/2019	Freda Clark	<p>In testimony to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson testified to the Committee "it is also very important to underscore that voting machines are not connected to the Internet or networked in any way."</p> <p>I am very concerned about compromised machine voting and vote counting. Securing our elections is a national</p>
4/25/2019	Theresa Robinson	Please ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in the new voting equipment guidelines.
4/25/2019	Sharon Ringel	<p>Please remove all modems/interfaces that enable hacking.</p> <p>Please require human-readable paper ballots.</p> <p>Our elections must be protected.</p>
4/25/2019	Sandi Shaw	Ban modems and/or internet connectivity from our election systems through guidance in VVSG 2.0. We cannot allow bad actors to interfere in our elections.
4/25/2019	Melissa Pillo	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>
4/25/2019	Paul Stokes	<p>Please ensure that the VVSG states unequivocally that voting systems must not have the capability of communicating wirelessly, or with the Internet, or with any other remote communications system.</p> <p>We in New Mexico have had such a prohibition on the</p>

4/25/2019	Kyle Churchill	<p>NO INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN VOTING MACHINES.</p> <p>This feature must be banned. It's appalling! Even allowing a voting machine to have the necessary computer hardware to communicate with another machine is wildly unsafe!</p> <p>I'm a millennial. Computers are pretty much my favorite thing in the world, but even I still know that digital systems should have almost no presence at all in the counting of ballots.</p> <p>The fallibility of computer systems is far too dangerous. It's</p>
4/25/2019	Eileen Peterson	<p>We are expats living in Canada. We vote in our home state of Illinois.</p> <p>It is imperative that a ban on internet connectivity be inserted into this policy. We support the suggestion below:</p> <p>"We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure"</p>
4/25/2019	Jay Litten	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>

4/25/2019	Peggy Ingles	<p>I would like to register the following comment/request. I believe our democracy depends on the security of our elections. Our voting machines need to be unhackable.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>
4/25/2019	Shawn P. Leary	<p>I write to respectfully urge the Election Assistance Commission to ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in new voting equipment guidelines.</p> <p>The draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) are important to insure software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy. However, cyber attacks make it imperative that these guidelines include the following provision under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure."</p>
4/25/2019	April Smith Ziegler	<p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks it is imperative the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) also PROHIBIT CONNECTIVITY TO THE PUBLIC INTERNET through WIRELESS MODEMS or OTHER MEANS. Therefore, I urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or</p>
4/25/2019	Pat Pieper	<p>Please include a ban on wireless modems & internet connectivity in your new voting equipment guidelines.</p>
4/25/2019	Ellen Reuben	<p>We need to protect our vote. Please ensure that remote modems are not part of any ballot system. Hand-marked paper balloting is what's needed.</p>

4/25/2019	Cynthia Thompkins	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under</p> <p>Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or</p>
4/25/2019	M. River	<p>My wife and I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>The fact that our election systems are actively being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or any other means. Hence, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure"</p>
4/25/2019	Nicola Rinaldi	<p>I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems have been and probably will be targeted again for interference through cyber attacks, I believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, I urge the Commission to include a guideline under</p> <p>Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p> <p>"The voting system does not use wireless technology or connect to any public telecommunications infrastructure"</p> <p>I think this is essential to maintaining the independence and</p>

4/25/2019	Shari Joffe	<p>I strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, I believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. I urge the Commission to include a guideline under</p> <p>Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>
4/25/2019	Shannon Moore	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and ballot secrecy.</p> <p>Given the fact that our election systems are being targeted for interference through cyber attacks, we believe it is imperative the VVSG also include a prohibition on connectivity to the public Internet through wireless modems or other means. Therefore, we urge the Commission to include a guideline under Principle 13: DATA PROTECTION:</p>
4/25/2019	Shannon Purushothaman	<p>We strongly support the draft Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and commend the robust principles and guidelines for software independence, auditability and</p>
4/25/2019	Donna Starr	<p>I urge you to ban wireless modems & internet connectivity in new voting equipment. They present a danger too great</p>
4/25/2019	Stephen Demetriou	<p>The vulnerability to hacking and outside interference that wireless modems and internet connectivity present in electronic voting machines is too great to allow these technologies to be incorporated in voting machines. Please include in your guidelines that technology with the potential for unauthorized access to voting results be expressly</p>