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**Testimony on The National Voter Registration Act 2007-2008 Report
Recommendations**

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Commissioners, Mr. Wilkey and Deputy General Counsel Gilmour, I come before the Commission today with the recommendation that, pending the successful review and consideration of the recommendations that are contained in the EAC's 2007-2008 NVRA report, the full report be adopted. This report, issued by EAC on a biennial basis, addresses the impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the administration of elections for Federal office during the period following the November 2006 Federal elections through the November 2008 elections.

This is the eighth NVRA report to Congress; however, pursuant to the provisions of the NVRA, as amended by HAVA, it is the third report submitted by the EAC. (The first five reports having been submitted by the Federal Election Commission.)

The information contained in the 2007-2008 NVRA report is based on data collected from the larger 2008 Election Administration and Voting Survey. This survey is administered biennially to all states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

In consultation and collaboration with EAC staff our contractor, The Research Triangle Institute (RTI), worked to develop and administer the 2008 Election Administration and Voting Survey. In addition to assisting states with collecting and submitting their survey data, RTI also drafted the NVRA report. In the coming months EAC staff, along with its contractor RTI will also present, to the Commission, the 2008 UOCAVA and Election Day Survey reports.

Not later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, the EAC must submit to Congress a report assessing the impact of the NVRA. The report must include recommendations for improvements in procedures and other matters related to the NVRA. The EAC Commission is asked to review and consider a series of recommendations, which will help complete this report that is due to Congress.