Take steps now to ensure fair elections

Since it is now recognized that at least one manufacturer's voting machines has a major security flaw. What can voters do to see that their votes are properly counted?

Write to the State Elections Board, 17 W. Main St., Madison, Wis., 53703, and support strong chain-of-custody security measures for voting machine memory packs.

Support a program of audits for the November election. You can read more about audits at www.fairelectionswi.com/audits.htm

Contact Gov. Jim Doyle about SB-612, which would make manual recounts a thing of the past. Current law allows the board of canvassers to conduct recounts by machine or by hand, but Doyle may sign a bill that would force all recounts of machine-readable ballots to be done by machine.

Call your legislators and ask them to explain why they voted for it. Why should we place our close elections completely at the mercy of the automated machines?

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