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SAVE our Votes to Monitor 2010 General Election in Maryland

SAVE our Votes, a non-partisan election integrity organization, will monitor the 2010 General Election in Maryland with volunteer poll-watchers throughout the state.

The poll-watchers will be documenting conditions at the polls and working cooperatively with the Election Protection Coalition, a group of nonpartisan organizations spearheaded by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Coalition is offering free legal help to voters who experience problems at the polls.

Voters can report any problems they experience or witness by calling toll-free: 866-OUR-VOTE or via Twitter **@866ourvote** or using hash tag #EP2010. For more details on how to report using Twitter, please see http://www.866ourvote.org/page?id=0057.

The Election Protection Coalition also has a website where reports can be viewed by anyone, in real-time, as they come in: http://www.ourvotelive.org/home.php

SAVE our Votes Co-Director Robert Ferraro will be on the ground throughout the day monitoring conditions and helping to investigate serious incident reports. He will be able to respond to any problems throughout the state and will be available for press interviews in the field.

Numerous problems with electronic voting systems like the one used in Maryland have surfaced across the nation during early voting and in this year's primaries.

Vote flipping from one candidate to another on touch-screen machines was so widespread in North Carolina during the early voting period, that a judge responded to a GOP lawsuit by ordering emergency regulations to warn voters at the polls on election day.
http://www.wral.com/news/local/politics/story/8539911/

Vote flipping and other serious problems with the touch-screen system in Shelby County, TN, in the August General Election caused 10 Democratic candidates to file a lawsuit challenging the results.
http://blogs.tennessean.com/politics/2010/democratic-candidates-challenge-shelby-county-election/

Additional information about the security vulnerabilities of electronic voting systems can be found in the following two video news reports:

This segment from the PBS show "Need to Know" features Princeton computer scientists Ed Felten and Andrew Appel discussing the vulnerability of electronic voting machines:
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/need-to-know/video/ballot-boxing-the-problem-with-electronic-voting-machines/4746/

This CNN segment on e-voting features the recent hack of the DC internet voting pilot and talks about the insecurity of paperless e-voting:
http://www.cnn.com/video/?/video/politics/2010/10/27/feyerick.vote.hacking.cnn