



“People told me that this was the most important election of my lifetime—that my vote would make a difference. But, how do I know my vote was counted?”

**You don't.** There is nothing in your possession or in an accessible public record that proves that you voted and who you voted for. Our national election system requires no audit of any kind, requires no standardization, and is inaccurate, inconclusive, and vulnerable to tampering and partisan manipulation. This is especially true of newer electronic voting machines, many of which were used in 2004 without ever being tested for security. As of November 20, 2004, the Election Incident Reporting System (<https://voteprotect.org/>), a national database of voting irregularities compiled by voting rights organizations, has noted more than 24,000 instances of reported irregularities.

We have the right to expect an accurate, indisputable recount of our 2004 election ballots. The executive and legislative branches of the federal government should begin this process immediately to put to rest the doubt surrounding the final count and the legitimacy of the outcome.

We need tough laws to ensure that all future elections require transparent, nationwide, nonpartisan oversight of the election process as well as voting technology that is standardized to meet strict, uniform criteria for validation. We want our right to vote taken seriously, and we want assurance that every vote cast by an American citizen is recorded accurately.

This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. This is about the credibility and accuracy of the current system. It's about beginning the process of building a reliable national election system before the 2006 midterm elections and well before the 2008 presidential election.

Ensure that the vote you cast in 2004, and every vote you cast in the future, is counted. Contact your representatives in Congress today: [www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/](http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/).