

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

**DECLARATION OF
VICKIE KARP**

v

Case No. 06-CV-0263 (GLS)

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS;
PETER KOSINSKI and STANLEY L. ZALEN,
Co-Executive Directors of the New York State
Board of Elections, in their official capacities; and,
STATE OF NEW YORK,
Defendants

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec 1746, **VICKIE KARP**, declares as follows:

1. I am the National Chairperson of the Coalition for Visible Ballots, www.coalitionforvisibleballots.org, a national on-line organization created to inform the public about the dangers of electronic voting machines and the fraud they perpetrate. We strive to educate citizens, elected officials and appointed election officials about the reasons American elections need to be executed using hand-counted paper ballots with enhanced security procedures, with citizen counters and oversight, and with totals posted at the precinct level. I am also the PR Director for VoteRescue, (www.voterescue.org), an Austin, Texas based election reform group whose mission is to eliminate all electronic voting machines and return our elections to the people with citizen-controlled hand-counted paper ballot elections (as described above). VoteRescue is also a member of the coalition called “Texans for REAL Elections”, a

composite of various citizens' organizations who all support the same described effort for election reform. This Coalition represents hundreds of thousands of Americans.

2. I have been working on this specific aspect of election integrity for 4 1/2 years; I have served on the Board of Directors of the election watchdog non-profit Black Box Voting (www.blackboxvoting.org) for 3 1/2 years as both Board Member and as President; have helped produce numerous press conferences in Texas and also two in Washington D.C. in 2004 to alert the public about the dangers of electronic voting; have given numerous speeches over the years on the topic to Republicans, Democrats, Greens, Independents, Libertarians, League of Women Voters' groups, and other citizens' groups; have testified against electronic voting at certification hearings on the machines at the Texas Secretary of State's office; have presented statements to the Texas Legislature's House Committee on Elections against electronic voting machines and in support of the Texas Hand Counted Paper Ballot Bill of 2007; have been on dozens of radio shows as a guest and national expert on this aspect of election integrity; appeared on MSNBC in September 2004 and on all of the Austin TV news stations discussing it; I have met with the past Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams and also the current Secretary of State Phil Wilson to request total elimination and ban of electronic voting systems in the state; and I currently co-host with VoteRescue founder Karen Renick an election integrity-based radio show out of Austin, Texas on "We the People Radio Network" every Sunday from 2-4pm Central time entitled: "VoteRescue Radio – Where Citizens Count, One Vote at a Time".

3. In September of 2006, along with my co-editor, Abbe Waldman DeLozier, I published our book entitled "HACKED! High Tech Election Theft in America – 11 Experts Expose the

Truth”, which compiled the contributions of national experts on electronic voting machine fraud and makes the case for returning to hand-counted paper ballot elections (with enhanced security procedures).

4. I feel compelled to do this work as a (second) full time job because I am convinced by the evidence that elections have been seriously compromised for years by these electronic voting machines; that the ease with which fraud and outcome-determinative election manipulation can be perpetrated using these machines is overwhelming; that the non-transparency of these voting systems will never allow citizens to know with certainty that their votes are being cast or counted properly. It is my belief, based on years of working on this issue and researching the considerable evidence that has been put forward by computer experts and scholars, that our democratic elections are in serious danger and that citizens must act as quickly as possible to reverse this national emergency regarding elections.

5. Elections were intended to be executed, counted, and monitored by citizens. Instead, corporations through these electronic voting machine vendors now control elections, and the software of these machines is protected as proprietary trade secret information. The rights of citizens to know how their elections are being executed has been superceded by protection of corporate secret software.

6. In our book, “HACKED!”, 30 year election worker Mae Schmidt details how, with hand-counted paper ballot elections, every vote was accounted for during the counting process, no matter how long it took. Now, tens and even hundreds of thousands of votes may be missing during the counting process, and this is referred to as a simple “glitch”, frequently blamed on the

voter as “voter error”, and we are expected to believe that “this did not affect the results of an election”. There is no way that regular citizens can ever have confidence in elections held with these machines, because the integrity of these computerized systems, or lack thereof, is always maintained as a secret. In a return to hand-counted paper ballot elections, with security cameras taping the ballot box during the entire election and counting process; with the ballot box never leaving the table until all votes are counted; with citizens representing all parties with a vested interest in the election helping to count the votes *at the precinct* and counting as many times as it takes until all parties agree on the totals; and with totals posted at the precinct levels, then the typical security breaches with hand counted paper ballot elections which have occurred in the past, ie, ballot box stuffing or ballot boxes getting “lost” or stolen, cannot occur; and the transparency and control of the election process will be restored to the people, where they belong.

7. The Coalition for Visible Ballots will volunteer to assist in sending volunteers to New York to help hand count New York’s 2008 elections should the Court order same.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/

Executed on December 8th, 2007

VICKIE KARP