

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

**DECLARATION
OF
Wayne R. Stinson**

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, **Wayne R. Stinson**, declares as follows:

1. I am Coordinator of the Peacemakers of Schoharie County, Voting Integrity Project.
2. The Peacemakers of Schoharie County is an organization of long standing in our community. We are committed to promoting awareness of peace and social justice issues, and to encouraging citizen engagement in seeking solutions to political and social problems.
3. The Peacemakers Voting Integrity Project came into being following the passage of the Help America Vote Act and in reaction to the threat of electronic voting machines being imposed upon the citizens of New York State that this legislation poses.

4. Electronic voting machines are expensive, unreliable, insecure, untrustworthy and have very likely already been used to manipulate elections. A simple, inexpensive, user-friendly, trustworthy and officially recognized voting system already exists. A system which requires no certification testing. A transparent voting system which all citizens can understand and have confidence in. That is the Paper Ballot system.

5. We suggest a ballot scanner can be used to count the ballots for a quick result, but only if the scanner is programmed and maintained by municipal workers, not by a private corporation, all the ballots are actually counted, and the hand counted tally of paper ballots remains the official record of the election.

6. Peacemakers of Schoharie County believes that elections should be conducted in the interest of the citizens. Decisions concerning election procedures and equipment to be used must also be made in the interest of the voters, not for the convenience or benefit of partisan leaders, Election Commissioners, or other public officials.

7. The Peacemakers of Schoharie County supports the proposition that the federal election ballots could be hand counted in 2008. We have been advocating just such a position since the inception of the Voting Integrity Project.

8. The Peacemakers and the Voting Integrity Project commits to participating in the hand counting of ballots, should the court so rule, and we will actively promote other citizens' engagement in the process as may be needed in our community.

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

/s/ _____

Executed on December 10, 2007

Wayne R. Stinson