

Sample Letter to the Editor:

The 2020 election was the first in modern times where almost all voters used paper ballots hand marked by the voter. This allowed for hand recounts in key states like Georgia, as well as the implementation of New Jersey's random audit law passed more than 15 years ago.

Now, as money becomes available for the State and Counties to strengthen voting, I urge the public to demand elected officials continue using hand marked paper ballots. The only machines used should be optical scan machines to rapidly count those ballots. This is by far the most secure and least expensive option.

Voting machine vendors are hawking touchscreen voting machines that are insecure, unauditible, expensive, and unnecessary. If the voting machine gets hacked by criminals, foreign or domestic, then what the voter chooses on the touchscreen may not be what is counted. We must continue to have each voter directly mark their ballot, as most states wisely do.

To achieve the most secure and accurate election results there should be no technology between the hand of the voter and the ballot, and an audit should be performed after votes are tallied. The many recounts and audits that were performed on ballots after the 2020 election proved the accuracy of the count. NJ laws which mandate paper ballots, and a post-election audit should continue to be implemented!

Please contact Gov. Murphy and your County election officials urging them to continue voting by paper ballot, and to purchase only optical scan vote counting machines! Visit peacecoalition.org and click the Voting Security icon on the right for more information.