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Mr. David Byrd
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Dear Mr. Byrd:

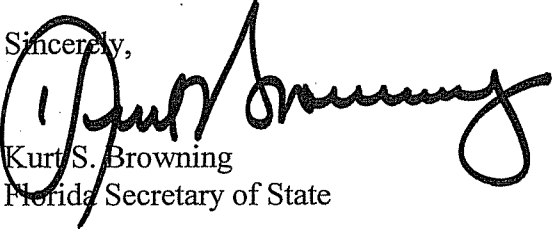
As you are aware, the Florida Department of State has contracted with Security and Assurance in Information Technology (SAIT) Laboratory at Florida State University to review documented, published issues of concern with the Diebold Accuvote OS and the TSx, which were part of your most recent certification application. Based on this report, the Florida Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC) determined that certain vulnerabilities detected in the firmware and outlined in the report had to be corrected.

SAIT Lab has reviewed the modifications to the optical scan system and the BVSC has completed the required State of Florida testing on the system. Both report that the modifications required in the attachment to my letter to you dated July 31, 2007 have been satisfactory. At this time, I am issuing a certification of your optical scan system and AutoMARK. The Division will continue to work with you to resolve issues identified in the report as it pertains to the touchscreen system for your next certification application. This certification schedule will allow time for Diebold counties to upgrade firmware prior to Florida's Presidential Preference Primary in January.

The certification will be accompanied by a technical advisory to provide additional election and security procedures to mitigate administrative issues outlined in the report. Attached is a copy of the certification; the technical advisory will be issued early next week.

As Chief Elections Officer, it is my responsibility to ensure fair, accurate, secure and uniform elections in Florida. I am confident in our voting systems testing process and the certified systems used in the State of Florida. Please do not hesitate to contact the Director of the Division of Elections, Amy K. Tuck, if you have further questions.

Sincerely,


Kurt S. Browning
Florida Secretary of State

Attachment