Coalition of Good Government, Democracy Organizations, and Election Integrity Experts Oppose SB1480

On May 25, 2022, the California State Senate took a dangerous step to broadly expand online voting in California when it passed SB 1480. SB 1480 (Glazer) would allow voters with certain disabilities to vote by facsimile. With today’s “fax technology”, that means these ballots would be sent over the internet, which is dangerously insecure, as affirmed by the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and many other agencies and studies. They have all warned that any electronic ballot transmission, including by fax, is at high risk for manipulation and disruption.

We recognize that voters with disabilities face challenges in casting a ballot, and we urge the California legislature to explore alternative accessible options that will protect the security and privacy of the ballots.

**We strongly oppose SB 1480 because it will profoundly undermine the integrity of California’s elections.** At a time when election security and public confidence in our elections are under attack, increased electronic return of voted ballots, by web portal, or fax, or any other Internet protocol, will only corrode voter confidence. Furthermore, with the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the threat of Russian cyber attacks on our election infrastructure continue to rise, and ballots cast online will be at even higher risk of cyber attacks. Election security is a matter of the highest U.S. national security; we cannot tolerate any increased exposure to malicious election interference.
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