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**VIA HAND DELIVERY AND
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Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: 2007 Election Legislation

Dear Governor Crist:

The Florida Senate and House of Representatives are considering your proposals to require that only certain voting systems be utilized in Florida. Touchscreen or DRE counties that are most directly affected by this mandated change have previously sent a letter to you relative to their concerns so I will not reiterate those concerns and thoughts.

Legislation currently being considered and being endorsed by Kurt Browning, the Secretary of State, would allow for, or require, the concept of "ballot-on-demand" for early voting. While ballot-on-demand may have a place in future Florida elections, the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections are very concerned with placing into legislation a concept which has had limited use in early voting situations. Only one Florida jurisdiction has utilized "ballot-on-demand," and that was for the preparation of absentee ballots, rather than early voting. The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections who has used this, has emphatically stated that she does not believe that this should be used in the 2008 Florida Presidential Election.

The proposals being discussed could diminish the ability to provide significant early voting locations. Rather than use ballot-on-demand, many counties will be forced to the only alternative, optical scan, thereby potentially minimizing the locations for early voting.

While the Supervisors of Elections in each of Florida's counties will ensure successful elections, we believe that the inclusion of ballot-on-demand technology as part of the proposals will not benefit the elections process at this time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terry Vaughan
President
Florida State Association of Supervisors
of Elections, Inc.