



# A Watchdog Activist Lobbyist Plods and Plots the Future of Election Integrity

Election Integrity: Past, Present and Future

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# Outline

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- A Watchdog Activist Lobbyist View
- Connecticut History / U.S. History
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# Lobbyist View

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Success = Legislative Action & Official Action

# Activist View

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Positive Action



Legislative & Official Concern



Constituent, Public, & Media Pressure

# Watchdog View

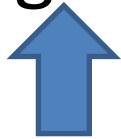
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Positive Result



Checking, Eternal Vigilance, & Exposure

# Connecticut History

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- 2005 – Voter Verified Paper Records Act
- 2006 – Optical Scan selected by Secretary with a lot of encouragement from activists
- 2007 – Post-Election Audit Law
- 2007 – CT Citizen Election Audit Coalition Founded
  - 2007 - 2011 Observation reports, post-election audits
  - 2008 Public hearings across state based on Coalition's first audit report

*The Constitution State    or    The Nutmeg State ?*

# Situation – U.S. History

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- Post-Election Audit Laws
  - 26 of 50 States plus the District of Columbia
  - Most passed in 2005 - 2007
- Close-Vote Recounts
  - 18 States plus the District of Columbia
- 2009 “Holt Bill” gets out of committee
- 2009 Move Act

*No Federal requirements for paper ballots, audits, or recounts – Have the media and public moved on?*

# Situation – Public/legislative concerns

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- Voter convenience
  - early voting, mail-in voting, Internet voting
- National Popular Vote Compact
- Voter-ID
- Cost Pressures and Concerns
- Official Convenience

*We worry about the costs of what we don't want to do*

# Situation – Integrity risks

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- Inadequate, non-existent audits and recounts
- States without paper records
- Chain-of-custody and transparency inadequate
- Risky propositions
  - Mail-in voting, no-excuse absentee voting
  - Internet voting
  - National Popular Vote Compact
- Insufficient improvement in voting equipment

*We forget about the integrity of what we want to do*

# Moving Forward – The Good News

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## Single Ballot and Independent, Transparent, Machine Audits

- More comprehensive, accurate, and effective
- Requires a moderate amount of off-the-shelf, independent hardware
- Does not require certification
- Provides official and watchdog convenience

*Helps everyone at a moderate cost – A future solution to recounts?*

# Moving Forward – Avoid Losses

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Surface, debate, and articulate risks

- Internet Voting
- Mail-in Voting
- National Popular Vote Compact
  - Fix the 12<sup>th</sup> amendment and the Electoral Accounting Act

Articulate

- Individual voter fraud vs. organized fraud
- External risks vs. Insider risks

*Encourage everyone to examine assumptions, including yourself*

# Moving Forward – Be Prepared

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Opportunities for education and positive change:

- When problems uncovered
- When unresolvable concerns surface
- Support/oppose good and not so good proposals

A new generation of new equipment will be needed

- Optical scan is/can become the universal choice

*Encourage improvement with deliberate action,  
planning ahead – avoiding knee-jerk, piecemeal change*

# Integrity and Confidence

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*Laws, regulations, and procedures  
must be sufficient,  
workable,  
enforceable, and  
demonstratively enforced.*