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Subject: Emergency, Back-up and Other Paper Ballot Counting Procedures For the Nov 7, 2006 Election

Reference: Letter Dated October 19, 2006, attached
From Pedro A Cortes
Secretary of the Commonwealth
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Department of State
302 North Office Building
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Mark Wolosik

Constituents' concerns prompted my correspondence with Secretary Cortes. His reply letter (attached) states that Pennsylvania law provides for the usage of emergency, back-up paper ballots when the electronic voting machines are inoperable. The letter specifies that there are three types of paper ballots:

- a) provisional ballots,
- b) absentee ballots, and
- c) emergency ballots, i.e. the back-up paper ballots.

Questions:

1. Where will these emergency, back-up paper ballots be scanned/counted?
2. When will these emergency, back-up, paper ballots be scanned/counted?
3. Who performs the scanning/counting of these emergency, back-up paper ballots?
4. Who watches the scanning/counting of these emergency, back-up paper ballots?
5. If scanned, will there be a hand count audit of the vote totals from the each of the types (provisional, absentee, and emergency) ballots?

Your prompt response to these questions will be greatly appreciated so that we can be prepared, since the election of November 7, 2006 is fast approaching.

Sincerely,

Marty B. O'Malley

cc: Pedro A. Cortes