

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

**DECLARATION OF
Susan Zimet**

v

Case No. 06-CV-0263
(GLS)

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS;
PETER KOSINSKI and STANLEY L. ZALEN,
Co-Executive Directors of the New York State
Board of Elections, in their official capacities; and,
STATE OF NEW YORK,
Defendants

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec 1746, **Susan Zimet**, declares as follows:

1. I am serving my third term as Ulster County Legislator from New Paltz, New York and I am a former Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz.
2. I believe it is critically important that we increase voter participation in order to ensure our Democracy. As a County Legislator, I am chairing a sub committee that is studying the concept of Vote By Mail, which is currently the method of voting in Oregon and shortly in the State of Washington as well as other counties across the U.S. The Ulster County Legislature has unanimously endorsed the ongoing work of this committee. We don't know what we will discover, but we are looking for the

most secure means to provide our constituents with that which they're constitutionally entitled to: a transparent, accountable, fair and reliable electoral system.

3. I have gone to the State Board of elections where I have spoken on how we can move to be compliant with HAVA. When I am not up for election, I have worked as a Poll watcher. I having been studying the issue of voting machines and have test voted on both the DRE's and Optical Scans.
4. The majority of the Ulster County legislature does not support DRE machines. It is our belief that DRE's would disenfranchise voters because of distrust in the system. It is important that voters believe their votes are being counted in a fair and accurate manner. State after State has invested in DRE's only to have to purchase different voting machines. We will also study optical scan voting machines further because while they at least provide a paper ballot completed by the voter, reports of computer scientists across the country have shown they too are vulnerable to hacking without detection.
5. As a County Legislator, I will not allow my constituents to be disenfranchised on unreliable and theft enabling machines. I am prepared to take whatever legal action is necessary for the voters of Ulster County to know that their vote was counted accurately.
6. Upon the reading of HAVA, it is clear that hand counting of the Federal Elections is HAVA compliant. I will personally assist in organizing citizens in my county to be

trained and available to hand count elections in my county should the Court order same. I know of many Ulster County residents that would gladly make themselves available to assure that we could successfully accomplish this endeavor.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ _____

Susan Zimet

Executed on December 10, 2007