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**Voting Integrity Group Demands Investigation  
of Voting Machine Manufacturer**

Voting integrity advocates in Schoharie County have invoked a little known state purchasing protocol which requires the state Board of Elections to undertake an investigation of the corporate responsibility of Liberty Election Systems and Nedap/Groenendaal of The Netherlands. Nedap/Groenendaal manufactures an electronic voting machine being marketed in New York State by Liberty Election Systems.

The investigation demand was issued by The Voting Integrity Project of The Peacemakers of Schoharie County after the project learned of seriously unethical conduct by the Groenendaal software firm's CEO.

"Through freedom of information law discovery undertaken by Dutch voting integrity activists we learned that a principal in the Nedap/Groenendaal consortium attempted to extort the Dutch government by threatening to disrupt the elections this past fall" **said Voting Integrity Project Coordinator Wayne Stinson.**

The Nedap machine is used in ninety percent of election districts in The Netherlands and the Dutch government has become dependent upon the software firm for management of their elections.

The complaint lodged by the project details efforts by Mr. Jan Groenendaal to prevent the Dutch Election Ministry from appointing the leader of a voting integrity group to a newly formed committee studying the election process in The Netherlands, and to compel the Dutch government to purchase his company. In both cases Groenendaal threatened to withhold his company's cooperation during the elections.

"The New York State Comptroller's Office Procurement and Disbursement Guidelines require state agencies to investigate the responsibility of vendors before a contract is awarded. We are insisting that the New York State Board of Elections investigate the responsibility of Liberty/Nedap/Groenendaal before accepting them as a vendor. We believe this consortium does not deserve the trust of New York voters." Stinson said.

The Voting Integrity Project and other election integrity organizations have previously criticized the Liberty and electronic voting machines generally, because of security concerns. The state Board of Elections had begun voting system certification last year but testing is presently suspended and no systems have been approved.