

Dear VSTF:

I strongly support the all of the suggestions made by Barbara Simons and would like to see them included in the final report of the Task Force.

She clearly articulates the well-recognized and frequently and publicly discussed issue of the unsolved problem regarding vulnerabilities to *remote* attack. I would especially call to your attention the fact that the vulnerabilities to "trusted insiders (such as election officials [and vendors] behaving maliciously)" are not well-recognized, frequently ignored, and rarely discussed in detail in any public forum. I believe that we must not allow the juggernaut of benefits like convenience and cost-savings to obliterate an honest discussion of the risks of Internet voting.

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