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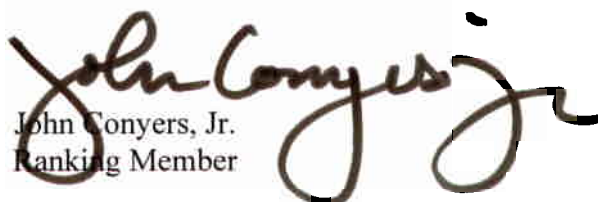
Dear Mr. Friedman:

I want to thank you and VelvetRevolution.us, again for your strong commitment to electoral reform. Taking into account your organizations efforts, 20 of my colleagues and I have joined together and sent letters to the nine major vote machine companies asking for their adoption of four crucial principles regarding fair elections.

In our letter, we state that only companies complying with these principles should be entitled to receive federal funding. We requested a response form these companies no later than April 15, 2005.

As we continue to work on electoral reform, please know that your commitment to this effort is extremely important and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,


John Conyers, Jr.
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