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H7007 would continue the use of electronic ballots emailed to military personnel and disabled voters.

I am opposed to continuing this practice.

1. My son, who was in the military for 26 years, deployed 15 times, and voted from foreign lands many times, explained how securely their vote was guarded in the military. The voters' ballots were received by the DoD election officer at least a month before election day so they can be sent in and received on time. The voters went to the DoD officer, showed their government ID to prove who they were, received their ballot and filled it out and sealed it right then and there. The DoD election officer then made sure all the ballots were mailed to the various state election offices. Please DO NOT change this secure method of voting for our military.
2. If you send ballots by government email, you must realize that only about 20% of military personnel even have a government email. If you send ballots by other email formats, you must realize that they are not the least bit secure and can easily be tampered with.
3. The last time he voted, he was stateside, he received a ballot by email and printed it out on regular typing paper and mailed it in. This

was very insecure. Ballots sent in on typing paper can be xeroxed and many more "ballots" created off of one.

4. Ballots received on typing paper can't go through the counting machines. A person has to go through the ballots and mark real ballots with their choices and put them through the machine. This practice opens up the chance for major fraud. I watched the testimony of a woman who had handled the military ballots in her state for 30 years. They had always been close to 50/50 in their votes. This time the votes were 97% for Democrat only candidates. Whoever was taking the typing paper ballots in the mail and putting their choices on real ballots had changed their choices!!!

***** Please go back to real ballots sent to our military personnel and to disabled persons. They have a right to fill out their own real ballot, know that their ballot will not be altered, and know that their ballot will be counted (if they send it in so it gets there by election day).

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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