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Dear County Supervisor,

I am writing to you with deep concerns about the Voters Choice Act. The continued use of mail in ballots and unsecured drop boxes along with centralized ballot tabulation machines creates a privation of integrity. Same day voter registration should be removed for its inability to verify eligibility to vote.

These reasons and others instill an optic of distrust in a process which is considered a sacred act in preserving our Republic.

At the last board meeting (Oct. 17, 2023), comments about transparency were a concern among the County Supervisors. I'm hoping your concern for transparency will be a focus for discussing a change back to one day elections.

This should be the highest fundamental priority of our elected officials. The County of Ventura should be an example to all counties demonstrating the highest standards. I am urging Ventura County Board of Supervisors to withdraw from the Voters Choice Act and go back to the "One Day Polling Place Precinct Voting Model" with paper balloting and hand counting. This is the way it was done only a few short years ago and will help instill our trust in the voting process.

Another item that must be brought into our voting system is 'Voter ID'. To use the phrase that some people are unable to get ID's is only in the case of illegal immigrants, which do not have the right to vote in our elections.

Tabulation machines deprive the "People" to be witnesses in elections. This violates the People's basic Right of Suffrage and deprives the People of a guaranteed republican form of government.

We the people of Ventura County delegate to the County Board of Supervisors the responsibility to stand against election processes legislated from Sacramento which removes full transparency and trust.

Respectfully,

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