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## TrueVoteCT Presents a Town Hall Meeting Leave No Voter Behind! A Public Forum on Electronic Voting in CT

West Hartford, Connecticut. TrueVoteCT will present *Leave No Voter Behind!* a public forum on electronic voting in Connecticut, on Wednesday, March 16, in the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the event begins at 7:00 pm. The forum is free and open to the public. The auditorium is located on the third floor of the West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street. Ample free parking is available behind Town Hall.

The *Leave No Voter Behind*! forum will explore the issues and challenges associated with electronic voting. The forum will be moderated by Representative Andrew Fleischmann (18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District). Speakers will include Michael Fischer, professor of computer science at Yale University; Andy Sauer, Executive Director of Connecticut Common Cause; public officials involved in the election system; and concerned citizens.

This past November a contentious national election again raised questions about the integrity of our voting system. Voters across the country are increasingly concerned whether their votes are properly recorded and counted. According to recent federal law, all states must adopt machines that are accessible to the disabled. The State of Connecticut will be purchasing electronic voting machines this year to replace the mechanical lever machines that have been in service for many years.

## About TrueVoteCT

TrueVoteCT is a non-partisan group of Connecticut voters dedicated to bringing accessible and verifiable voting to Connecticut. Our democracy demands that all voters be assured that they can cast their ballots on Election Day, privately and free from coercion, and that their votes will be counted accurately and fairly. To achieve this requires openness and transparency of the voting process. A voter-verified paper ballot (VVPB) is needed to ensure the integrity of the voting system. It permits auditing of the voting system and allows for recounts when necessary. Our role is to educate state and municipal voting officials and the public on technical issues of voting technology and to help ensure that Connecticut acquires the most cost-effective and trustworthy voting technology available.

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