

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 25, 2007

The Honorable Diane Feinstein, Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration
305 Russell Senate Office Building
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader
528 Hart Senate Office Building
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Feinstein and Majority Leader Reid:

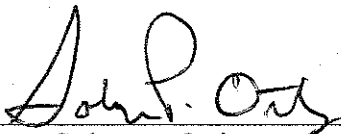
On behalf of several states and millions of disenfranchised voters across the United States, we respectfully ask that the Senate Rules Committee oppose the appointment of Hans von Spakovsky – who holds a recess appointment to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) – to serve a full term at the FEC.

By virtue of his actions in the Justice Department, Hans von Spakovsky had done irreparable damage to the course of democracy and voting rights all over the United States. This damage invalidates his ability to serve as an FEC Commissioner. Enclosed with this letter – compiled by six career attorneys at the Justice Department – is a detailed version of events in which Mr. von Spakovsky personally intervened inappropriately in voting rights matters at the Justice Department.

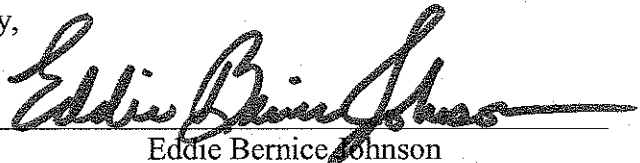
We implore the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration to take a strong stand against the damage Hans von Spakovsky did to voting rights and electoral processes around the nation at the Justice Department, when he substituted his short term political judgment for professional, reasoned judgment of longtime attorneys who knew the law and the Constitution.

Please oppose Mr. von Spakovsky's nomination to the FEC. If there is any place (besides the Justice Department) Mr. von Spakovsky should not serve, it is the Federal Election Commission.

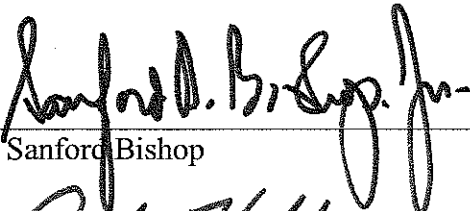
Sincerely,



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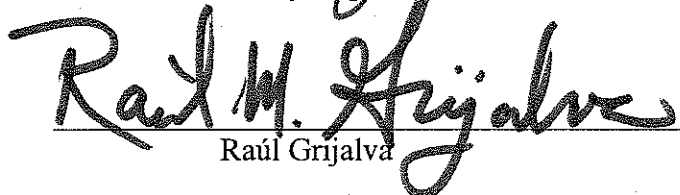
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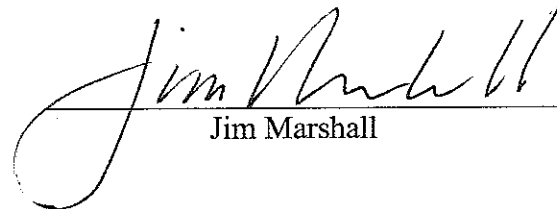


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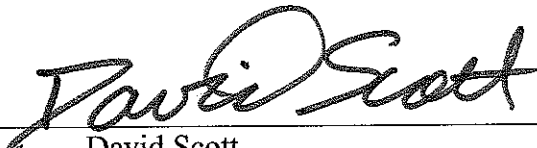
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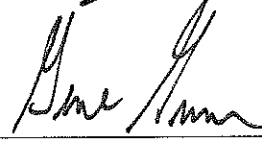

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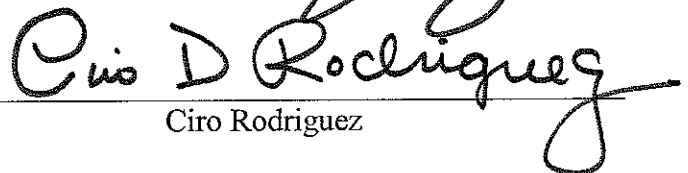

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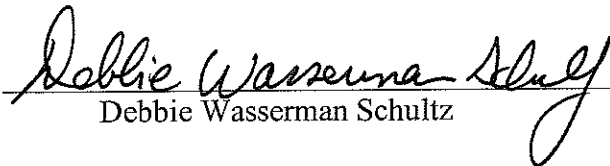

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