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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council
City Hall
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

We want to clarify our communication submitted at the March 6, 2007 Council Meeting. We wrote to ask for your permission to dispose of the lever voting machines (or 'Big Green' as we call them). As much as we like the lever machines they are no longer legal to use in elections.

The Federal Government under HAVA (Help America Vote Act) requires all voting machines to have a paper trail starting with the 2006 election. The selection of the new voting machine was given to the Secretary of the State. Connecticut (along with a few other states) was given a one year extension to select our machines. Secretary of the State Bysiewicz decided to use a scan type of voting machine. The money for the purchase of the voting machines was provided by the Federal Government. These machines as well as the privacy booths, black ballot boxes, etc have arrived and are creating a storage problem.

We will never be able to use 'Big Green' again. The decision to use new voting technology was not made by us nor is it debatable, it is the law we must enforce.

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After conferring with other registrars around the State on the disposal of the old machines, we decided to ask for your permission to donate some of the machines to the schools for class elections and dispose of the rest.

Other towns are donating the machines to schools, selling for scrap metal (highest offer is \$35.) and some are paying to dispose of the machines.

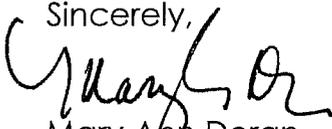
Realizing every City and Town in Connecticut and New York (they used 'Big Green' as well) will be trying to unload these Machines we sought your approval to try and get rid of them before no one wants them since they may no longer be used for elections.

If you would like to keep the old lever machines for some reason we will need additional funds in our budget for storage.

These machines cost approximately \$3000 to store.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Doran
Republican
Registrar of Voters



Margaret Gallo
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