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ACET Statement on Potential Executive Order Addressing Voting Technology and Mail-In Ballots

WASHINGTON, DC (August 20, 2025) — The [American Council for Election Technology](#) (ACET), a nonpartisan trade association representing voting system manufacturers and election technology providers, is actively reviewing and assessing the potential implications of President Trump's suggested executive order. ACET and its members remain committed to working constructively with federal, state, and local election officials to ensure election infrastructure remains robust, secure, and cost-effective.

“With decades of experience designing and building voting equipment, our members deliver secure, reliable technology that exceeds federal standards and demonstrably ensures every vote is counted accurately,” said **Executive Director Sara Cutter**.

“Our members share the President’s goal of fair elections where every vote is counted correctly. We take that responsibility seriously. As current federal guidelines evolve, we remain committed to delivering the most reliable technology to support free, secure, and fair elections.”

ACET acknowledged the August 18, 2025, announcement that President Trump intends to issue an executive order that would eliminate mail-in ballots and voting machines ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. Cutter emphasized that the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is already moving to update the federal standards directive put forth in section 4(b) of Executive Order 14248.

“The EAC’s efforts to update the voluntary voting system guidelines include requiring voter verifiable paper records and prohibiting barcodes and QR codes unless used to accommodate individuals with disabilities. A clear, testable standards path gives jurisdictions certainty. ACET members are prepared to meet the updated standards with cost-effective systems that reinforce public confidence,” Cutter said.

ABOUT ACET:

ACET is a national, nonpartisan trade association founded in 2022. Our mission is to advance policies and programs that support the use of election technology to ensure secure, accurate, and transparent elections. ACET provides a collaborative platform for industry leaders to address challenges and develop solutions for election security and accessibility. Our members include major voting system manufacturers, election technology providers, and innovators in ADA compliance. Together, we are a unified voice to advocate for policies that build public trust and advance security. For more information about ACET please visit us at TechforElections.VOTE or email us at info@techforelections.vote, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [X/Twitter](#). To contact our communications director, email press@techforelections.vote.