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Dear Commissioners Bauer and Ginsberg,

I recently reviewed the letter that Ms. Jackie Salit, President of IndependentVoters.org, sent to your commission. Although I may not agree with all aspects of the letter, I do believe that with approximately 90 million Americans not participating in the 2012 election there are significant deficiencies in our electoral process.

These deficiencies must not be solved in a partisan way but in a non-partisan manner. We need a system where every American who is eligible to vote is given equal opportunity to do so, regardless of race, gender, religion, party affiliation, or lack thereof.

According to IndependentVoters.org, approximately forty percent of Americans classify themselves as Independents. I sincerely hope the Commission will review any voting barriers that independent voters may face. Discrimination should not be permitted in the American electoral process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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