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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson made the following statement today regarding the status of Diebold pending application for voting system certification:

"During a thorough review of the application for the Diebold system currently pending certification, we have determined that there is sufficient cause for additional federal evaluation.

I have consistently stated that I will not certify any system for use in California unless it meets the most stringent voting system requirements.

We are at a critical crossroads for voting system technology; therefore, we must take every available step to ensure the security and integrity of every vote cast in this new electronic age.

I will continue to work closely with counties throughout California to develop a plan for compliance with both state and federal requirements. In addition, I believe that it is critical for federal, state and local governments to work together to solve the larger issues of voting system security and accessibility.

The integrity of every vote cast is my number one priority."

*Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Diebold today from the Secretary of State