

Closing remarks

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I think we have been reminded over the last two days that we all share a common purpose: that every vote has to count and every eligible voter has to be able to vote.

NIST will work closely with the voting community and the EAC to move forward in the implementation of HAVA. Communication is the key. We look forward to your feedback on this conference.

As I said when I opened this meeting up, our efforts at NIST will be determined by HAVA, the critical needs you and others have identified, and resources.

I think the meeting has shown us that there is the possibility of multiple solutions for challenges HAVA presents to state and local election officials. It was no surprise to hear that NIST could work on the development of standards, testing and technology across a broad spectrum to best meet the needs of individual states and counties.

We all have a large stake in the successful implementation of HAVA. If we fail, everyone loses.

I think this Symposium has helped to define the path to improved public confidence and trust in voting systems. Through the Technical Guidelines Development Committee and in forums such as this, NIST will listen to the election community. Let's us continue to work together.

I want to thank you for the time and dedication that you have put into this effort – and for the work that is yet to be done!

Good afternoon!