RISKS TO VOTING BY MAIL

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4 TO 6 MILLION LOST VOTES

1.5 to 2 Million Lost Because of Faulty Equipment and Confusing Ballots

1.5 to 3 Million Lost Because of Registration Mix Ups

Up to 1 Million Lost Because of Polling Place Operations

Unknown Losses Because of Absentee Ballot Problems

Table 7. Summary of lost-votes estimates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location of lost votes</th>
<th>Excuse required</th>
<th>No-excuse absentee</th>
<th>Permanent list</th>
<th>VBM</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ballot request not received by election office</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Ballot request unfulfilled by election office</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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<td>Transmitted ballot not received by voter</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>Returned ballot not received by election office</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ballot rejected by election office</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>Ballot fails to register a vote</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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