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This Oct. 14, 2016 photo shows the names of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in a voting machine during preparations for the upcoming election in Philadelphia. Researchers like to see the U.S. move entirely to computer-scannable paper ballots, since paper can't be hacked. (AP Photo/John Manchillo)

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