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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2023-2024 #136 Testimony  
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To: Title Board  
From Linda Templin, MPA, Executive Director, RCV for Colorado

Re: 2023-2024 #136 – “Timely Reporting of Election Results”

**REJECT as multi-subject**

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RCV for Colorado is a non-partisan organization devoted to expanding political choice for voters. This proposed measure unreasonably limits ballot access and thus reduces the political options available to voters.

This measure seeks to conclude county ballot tally by midnight on election night.

**Second Subject: UOCAVA Military and Overseas Voters**

An additional subject impacted by the proposed measure is the rights of overseas and military voters. Currently, those voters have additional time for their ballots to be received and tallied due to the practical concerns of getting ballots to and from extremely remote locations.

Revoking part of UOCAVA and thus limiting the ability of military and overseas voters to participate in elections would encounter litigation in every election cycle. Asking the state to take on the burden to argue the merits would at a minimum require the voters to understand that they are voting on the second topic of rolling back UOCAVA.

**Third Subject: Americans with Disabilities Act**

The third subject impacted by the proposed measure is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Colorado mail ballots require signature verification. Many elders, persons with disabilities, and persons who have experienced adverse health events such as strokes have changes to their signatures. The elections offices allow a one-week extension for ballot cures. That is the voters are asked to further confirm their identities when their handwriting does not match prior signatures on record.

Revoking part of the ADA and thus limiting the ability of voters with disabilities to participate in elections would encounter litigation in every election cycle. Asking the state to take on the burden to argue the merits would at a minimum require the voters to understand that they are voting on the second topic of rolling back the ADA.

**Conclusion: Please REJECT due to multiple subjects**

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