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To Whom It May Concern:

Below are comments I would like to make regarding some of the new proposed rules.

Several of the rules are good and really do not need a comment made. I do appreciate your cleaning up the language in several of the rules. However—

6.1.3 concerns me. My party chairs are not very communicative with me unless it benefits them.

6.2.1 Concerns are the party chairs do not fully understand the duties assigned to judges so why should we allow them to designate signature judges? We, as clerks, already know the capability of what our judges can do. We were elected with the task to run elections with integrity and now you are trying to remove part of that process?

6.4.1 I understand you needed to find a cutoff point, but you are still requiring an added unfunded mandate for not allowing smaller counties to not be able to us staff to conduct signature verifications. We have two election staff-myself (which I do not preform signature verifications) and one other. I have used office staff or Courthouse staff in the past and unless the chairs approve I am not allowed to use this process any longer.

6.7 and 6.8 My VSPC's are so vacant most of the time, I do not appoint a judge as a supervisor judge, I have a staff member as the supervisor judge. So being certified they still are required to take the training? While I am conflicted to believing the training would benefit our election, I fear that requiring judges to take any outside training other than our regular judges training, might be an issue especially in smaller counties. Our pool of judges is on the older side and some of these requirements may just push them to removing their names from the list. Then finding judges will become even more of a burden.

Most of Rule 7 we are already doing and have completed in the past. Rule 7 clarifies a few questions we have had. Rule 7.8.13 requires the balance of discrepant signature be forwarded to the DA. Is there a time period that is required for the DA to respond with determinations? Or after we turn those over to the DA, we are not concerned with those ballots?

8.13 The number is too large. If a watcher were to determine 10 ballots each hour they watched, the signature judges would never get their job completed. I would suggest 5 as the maximum number.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these remarks.

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