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To: SoS Rulemaking

Cc: CO Secretary of State; Officers; Michael Stapleton; Chair@lpcolorado.org

Subject: RE: Revised\_Draft\_Election\_Rules\_-\_Rulemaking\_Hearing\_7/11/17

**Date:** Sunday, July 9, 2017 11:27:19 AM

Mr. Williams,

Your proposed "New Rule 24 concerning presidential electors" is internally inconsistent and logically meaningless:

You propose that citizens of Colorado who are setting out to cast votes must take an oath in advance specifying how they shall vote.

You include language "...THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION ... OF THE STATE OF COLORADO," but which in turn specifies in Title II, Section 5:

All elections shall be free and open; and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to

prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage.

You propose that officials elected by the voters of Colorado may be prevented from acting by invoking "REFUSAL TO ACT" as that term is used in SECTION 1-4-304(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

You use the word "vacancy" in a manner which confounds the concepts of "vacancy" and "recall" as those terms are used in the Colorado Revised Statutes, in Title 1, Article 12, for example.

Thank you for keeping the Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County in the loop on this.

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Good afternoon.

Next week, the Colorado Secretary of State will host a rulemaking hearing concerning the Election Rules (8 CCR 1505-1).

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. July 11, 2017 and will conclude at the end of public comment.

Colorado Secretary of State Aspen Conference Room, 3rd Floor 1700 Broadway Denver, CO

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The proposed draft rules have changed. Copies of the revised draft rules and statement of basis are attached. For additional information concerning this rulemaking, please see the following website:

www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule\_making/hearings/2017/ElectionsRulesHearing20170711.html

You may submit written comments regarding the proposed draft rules at any time before and during the hearing. Also, if you are available, we encourage you to attend the rulemaking hearing for an open discussion of the proposed rules. If you are interested in the proposed rules but are unable to attend the rulemaking hearing, you may listen to the live broadcast online by visiting <a href="https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info">www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info</a> center/audioBroadcasts.html. A recording of the hearing will posted and available via this website as well. Please email <a href="mailto:Sos.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us">Sos.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us</a> if you have any questions or would like to submit written comments. Thank you.

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