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I believe we need more time to consider the proposed rule changes. I believe it would be appropriate to give the public more time to consider the pros and cons and to give proper input.

Overall, I am leery of anything that:

- A. makes it harder for people to register to vote and actually vote;
- B. facilitates voter suppression, i.e. anything that serves to intimidate voters, such as law enforcement officers at polling places;
- C. makes it more difficult for citizens and citizen groups to register people to vote;
- D. limits the ability of poll watchers to do their jobs to 1. observe the election process, 2. quickly and effectively communicate any problems that arise (in other words, poll watchers should be able to keep telephones and other electronic devices available to communicate in a time-sensitive fashion), 3. seek solutions to any problems, 4. have access to all legally available information (obviously, any rules limiting access to information are inappropriate);
- E. anything that reduces the number of potentially polling places. If anything, rules should be implemented to have MORE polling places.

I am also worried about the SoS affiliation with CrossCheck. In many states, CrossCheck has served to wrongfully strike eligible voters and to make it more difficult (and sometimes impossible) to vote.

It must be reiterated: the issue of "voter fraud" is a red herring and should not be used as an excuse to make it harder to vote.

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