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Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Office of the Secretary of State Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation 8 CCR 1505-8

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In accordance with Colorado Laws Regarding Lobbyist Regulation,¹ the Secretary of State finds that recodification of the existing Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation must be adopted and effective January 1, 2020 to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado Laws Regarding Lobbyist Regulation.

Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is necessary to implement legislation recently passed by the General Assembly, specifically HB 19-1248. This legislation is effective January 1, 2020. Temporary adoption is necessary to provide clear guidance to interested parties, including, but not limited to: professional lobbyists, lobbying firms, volunteer lobbyists, lobbyist clients, state liaisons, and the general public.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that temporary adoption of the amendments to existing Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.²

¹ Part 3 of Article 6 of Title 24, C.R.S. (2019).

² Section 24-4-103(3) (6), C.R.S. (2019).