July 24, 2013

The Honorable Scott Gessler
Colorado Secretary of State
1700 Broadway, Suite 200
Denver, Colorado 80290

Dear Secretary Gessler:

The League of Women Voters applauds your decision to delay by two months the Request for Proposal with regard to the selection of a vendor for a statewide, uniform voting system. It is our belief that the delay will not have an adverse effect on the project as a whole.

We particularly support the delay in light of the following:

- It will allow sufficient time for public input that could impact the requirements of the RFP.
- The initial concern that some counties had an immediate need in terms of additional equipment has been somewhat alleviated at least through the 2014 election.
- The impact of the new legislation has not been tested in an election. Waiting to see how these changes affect the process of running elections this November would be beneficial.
- The League is opposed to unfunded mandates. This delay may enable the legislature to address how to help the counties fund an investment in new equipment.

Again we wish to express our appreciation for your willingness to hold off the release of the RFP for a couple of months.

Sincerely,

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Roberta Heisterkamp
President