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Via email delivery

RE: Notice by Project Vote of intent to prepare for litigation under Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)

Dear Mr. Wine:

Our office is in receipt of your letter dated June 9, 2009, wherein you have expressed your intent to prepare for litigation in Colorado under Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA"). As we stated in our response to your letter in August of 2008, our office is committed to Colorado's renewed compliance effort, and we have continued to work closely with your organization in furtherance of that commitment.

Over the past year, the Secretary of State's office has worked closely with the Colorado Department of Human Services ("CDHS") and local public assistance agencies to improve compliance and improve statistical reporting throughout the state. Our office has implemented an aggressive educational outreach program that includes the development of a PowerPoint training presentation for use by the local agencies, as well as onsite training at regional locations. Our team is scheduled to conduct onsite training for a minimum of 100 public assistance agency staff later this summer and anticipates more such training sessions to be scheduled in the coming months.

The use of an online survey tool to collect agency statistical reports has allowed us to identify and address potential areas of concern, resulting in a significant increase in agency voter registration in 2008. Our office has, and will continue, working closely with Project Vote in order to increase local agency compliance. We have shared the results of the survey data with Project Vote and attended several conference call and in-person meetings over the past several months in an effort to facilitate communication with CDHS and local agencies.

We have three meetings scheduled this week to continue discussing how to bring local public assistance agencies into full compliance. On August 4, 2009, a meeting is scheduled with our office, WIC, and Project Vote. In the morning of August 4, 2009, we are scheduled to meet jointly with

CDHS. In the afternoon, a meeting is scheduled for CDHS, the Denver and El Paso DHS offices, our team, and Project Vote.

We look forward to the meetings that are scheduled and to continued conversation with Project Vote in this endeavor. We also welcome any suggestions or recommendations you would like to share that have proven successful in other states. Our office remains committed to achieving and maintaining full compliance with Section 7 of the NVRA in Colorado.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Munster", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wayne Munster
Acting Director, Elections Division