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Dear PERC Members,

First, I would like to thank you once again for the time and resources each of you have contributed in researching a better voting system(s) for Colorado citizens.

During the pilot reviews given last Friday by all eight counties, I found all of the presentations very informative. But, what I found most interesting, and possibly concerning, is that no other presentation talked about “**accuracy in a voting system**”.

As Adams County Clerk and Recorder, I can tell you accuracy is my number one priority. In fact, all clerks have a duty and responsibility to make certain every contest in every election is 100% accurate.

Accuracy in a voting system should not be taken for granted, nor should we be naïve in believing that any one of these systems produces 100% accuracy. There is no way possible for any of these pilot voting systems to determine voter intent. It is only when we have the innovation and technology, can we efficiently look at every oval in every contest - all in high resolution can we determine voter intent. Given that Clear Ballot starts with gray scale scanning and allows election judges to view least confident votes, every over vote, every under vote and every non-vote can we have the confidence as clerks that each contest is 100% accurate. There is no other system that provides this precision.

As you know, during this last election, Adams County had a contest within six votes, two contests at eight votes and one at 20 votes. All of these were razor thin margins. As clerk, piloting with Clear Ballot, I had the tools and resources available to visually see how every oval in each of these contests was filled in and how they were reviewed and adjudicated by the election judges. This accuracy combined with my confidence that these contests were 100% accurate provided me the opportunity to be completely transparent. Because of that, I made the decision to invite every contestant to a post election review open house.

Furthermore, as with any pilot, challenges are expected. It is my belief by owning and operating a business for the last 15 years, it's not what challenges you face; it's how you respond to those challenges. During our recent visit to Boston, I was very impressed and satisfied that Clear Ballot responded to our concerns and needs. We had three priorities when meeting with the Clear Ballot team: (1) ability to code by style in Clear Design, (2) fast ballot lookup in Clear Access and (3) robust election reporting in Clear Count.

In conclusion, as Adams County Clerk and Recorder, I ask that you place a high priority on **accuracy** allowing me the ability to be transparent.

Sincerely,

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