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The Honorable Wayne Williams and
Pilot Election Review Committee
State of Colorado – Department of State
1700 Broadway, Ste. 200
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The Honorable Williams and Committee Members:

We wanted to express how important the right of individual, county made decisions are to us. We understand the State's thought regarding a uniform voting system for Colorado. However, as the County searches for a new tabulation system the most important criteria for us is its performance and that the system is secure, accurate and dependable, as well as, cost effective.

Without funding, we feel it is in the best interest to allow counties, who know their needs best, including budgetary restrictions, to make their own decision regarding a voting system. It would be unfortunate if the system that was chosen was an unfunded mandate and cause a hardship on their budget and therefore, lead to cutting other critical items which are crucial to providing county clerk services.

Our Clerk & Recorder, Faye Griffin, has expressed confidence in the system and company, Election Systems & Software (ES&S), they piloted last November and feels that this system and company are best suited for the needs of Jefferson County. Our understanding is that the ES&S system is federally approved and the only system to receive state approval without any imposed conditions.

Based on the information we have received, the ES&S system is also the least expensive option for Jefferson County. We have confidence in Ms. Griffin, and her staff, to determine which system is best suited for our county and, if it passes Colorado certification without any conditions and fits within our budgetary requirements, we feel that we should be allowed to select that system that best fits our needs.

Ultimately, we urge the Pilot Election Review Committee to select the system from ES&S as an option for Colorado.

Sincerely,

Libby Szabo
Commissioner

Casey Tighe
Chair

Donald Rosier
Commissioner