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Subject: Mr. Secretary please reconfigure the CO Uniform Voting Systems project

To the Colorado SOS Uniform Voting System Project:

The Colorado Secretary of State has focused attention on the value to be obtained if Colorado swaps out the equipment we use for elections. Secretary Gessler has launched a "uniform voting system" project whose parameters will be defined by August 1 and vendors selected by end of year. The co-signers of this letter would like instead to see Colorado election officials and voters both benefit from a patient, well designed and open process that will guide future equipment purchases. The process must first openly decide upon goals and quantifiable metrics for success. Components of the voting system ought to conform to intentionally designed specifications for standard interfaces to permit smooth interoperability.

Delay makes so much more sense than to jump straight from where we are now to a decision about a vendor. And the delay gives us a chance for citizens to participate in a public and principled process that can respond to many changes initiated by the 1303 bill as well as accommodate many advantageous options that are soon becoming available, including those that will have Colorado's design requests in mind.

We the signers collectively request to terminate the current plan to issue the August 1 RFP. We ask the Secretary to launch a public process intended to define specifications by mid 2014 or later, and use the 2013 election as an opportunity for data gathering and increased understanding of what 1303 will do to and for Colorado's electorate.

Signed
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