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To: Public UVS Panel; Al Davidson (Temporary)
Cc: Scott Gessler; Suzanne Staiert
Subject: RFP Input from CFVI
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Please add the attached letter from the CFVI Board.

Thank you kindly,

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Dear Secretary Gessler and staff and committees of the Uniform Voting Systems project:

This is a response to your office's invitation for the public to comment on draft sections of an RFP for a uniform voting system for Colorado.

Harvie Branscomb has written a letter suggesting reasons why parameters for the state's search for future voting systems should not be set at the present deadline of August 1. Coloradans for Voting Integrity concurs with his reasoning on this issue. We also note that Al Kolwicz, who has extensive knowledge of elections and previous professional experience with such tasks, has outlined the kind of framework to enable the Secretary of State to carry out the duties of the office to achieve and enforce election "purity".

Without this kind of orderly definition of goals for elections, it is difficult to envision how the next voting system will reflect the requirements of the Colorado constitution and the Colorado Revised Statutes.

To our reading, the bar is set clearly in the Colorado constitution. It says, "**Article VII, Section 11. Purity of elections.** The general assembly shall pass laws to secure the purity of elections, and guard against abuses of the elective franchise." And, in the CRS, **1-1-107. Powers and duties of secretary of state – penalty.**, details of the Secretary's duties are listed. Significantly, (5) says: "The provisions of this section are enacted, pursuant to section 11 of article VII of the state constitution, to secure the purity of elections and to guard against the abuses of the elective franchise."

Given that the secretary of state is entrusted with making sure that election rules and operation reflect the twin mandates of our constitution and statutes, we address our concerns to the Secretary's office with hopes that swift and decisive action to extend the deadline of the RFP will be taken until specifications and compliance issues are fully vetted and determined.

With sincere appreciation for your public service,

Margit Johansson, Board Member,

For the Board of Coloradans for Voting Integrity