

## Steven Ward

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To the Rule Making Committee & Election Watcher Advisory Panel - June 12, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

To: Deputy Secretary of State Suzanne Staiert

From: First name: \_\_Carol\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_Jefferson\_County\_\_\_\_\_ County, Colorado

**Re: Watcher Advisory Panel Meeting public comment**

**1. Please accept my comment in the context of your deliberations on the access by watchers to the signature verification process for mail ballot envelopes. Given the use of all mail ballots in Colorado, the only method of verification of the voter's identity is to match the signature on the return ballot envelope to the voters' signature in the voter registration records. It is essential that each and every signature be made available to watchers for review and verification if requested by the watchers. Each signature should have the ability to be challenged by a watcher if the watcher believes that it is a discrepant signature.**

**We agree with the wide-spread understanding as stated in the platform of the Republican National Committee —"States or political subdivisions that use all-mail elections cannot ensure the integrity of the ballot.**

**When ballots are mailed to every registered voter, ballots can be stolen or fraudulently voted by unauthorized individuals because the system does not have a way to verify the identity of the voter."**

**Given the well-understood risk of fraudulent mail ballots, watchers should be encouraged and permitted to undertake thorough reviews of all signatures on returned ballot envelopes either during the review by the election judges or shortly thereafter before ballots are removed from the sealed envelopes.**

**Thank you for your consideration. We value the rights of watchers to witness and verify each aspect of the election and to assist in the correction of discrepancies. Please ensure that all recommendations made by the Panel are consistent with the most transparent guidelines that will provide legitimate results from the highest standards securing integrity for qualified Colorado voters.**

**2. Because the objection to internet voting deadline is July 7, 2015, I would like to request since the internet is able to be entered both from the server sender and receiver to capture**

**that data and have it be altered, I oppose internet voting along with the data that can be sold, altered and whatever else in the hands of a 3rd party vender, this system should not be allowed.**