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**STATEMENT OF SUFFICIENCY**

March 16, 2020

On February 19, 2020, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate John W Hickenlooper submitted 17,682 petition signatures to the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State. The candidate seeks nomination by petition to the June 30, 2020 primary election ballot. Under Colorado law, Mr. Hickenlooper's petition must contain at least 1,500 valid signatures from each of Colorado's seven congressional districts, for a total of at least 10,500 valid signatures statewide.<sup>1</sup>

Petition verification summary:

<b>Congressional District 1 (2,664 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	410
Valid signatures	2,254
<b>Congressional District 2 (2,405 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	206
Valid signatures	2,199
<b>Congressional District 3 (2,489 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	283
Valid signatures	2,206
<b>Congressional District 4 (2,346 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	292
Valid signatures	2,054
<b>Congressional District 5 (2,395 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	185
Valid signatures	2,210
<b>Congressional District 6 (2,196 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	217
Valid signatures	1,979
<b>Congressional District 7 (2,322 signatures submitted)</b>	
Invalid signatures	224
Valid signatures	2,098
<b>Total (17,682 signatures submitted)</b>	
Total invalid signatures	2,682
Invalid signatures (congressional district known)	1,817
Invalid signatures (congressional district not known)	865
Total valid signatures	15,000

<sup>1</sup> Under section 1-4-801(2)(c)(II), C.R.S., a major party statewide candidate petition requires signatures from "at least one thousand five hundred eligible electors in each congressional district . . . ."

The Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State has determined that Mr. Hickenlooper submitted a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for placement on the 2020 primary election ballot. A record of all accepted and rejected signatures, including reasons for each rejection, is on file with the Secretary of State.

During review of the petition, the petition processing team identified several petition sections that contain potentially suspect signature lines. Our office is referring various section numbers, all circulated by the same circulator, to the Attorney General's office for investigation. These petition sections did not affect the sufficiency of the petition.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Kessler", written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Kessler  
Acting Deputy Secretary of State