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December 15, 2010

Scott Gessler Secretary of State 1700 Broadway, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80290

Re: Rulemaking Hearing of December 15, 2011

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to extend my regrets for not being in attendance for this Rulemaking Hearing, but prior engagements occupy my time. This letter will have to serve as my testimony in lieu of my attendance. Please enter this letter into the record for the Rulemaking Hearing scheduled for December 15, 2011.

I have reviewed the Revised Draft of Proposed Rules distributed on December 9, 2011 and I find them to be well thought out and necessary changes to the existing Secretary of State's Election Rules. These changes remove uncertainty and make for a more efficient administration of election regulations. The people of Colorado want a clear and efficient process for conducting elections, and I believe these proposed rules will help achieve that end.

I stand in favor of these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

John S. Zakhem, Esq.