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Secretary of State, Wayne Williams:

I would like to provide my feedback and concerns on the proposed updates and changes to election rules. My two concerns are:

The deletion of all background checks on voter registration (2.13.1 (b)) and supervisor judge in a voter center (Rule 6.5 and 6.5). Citizens must have the highest degree of trust in the integrity of elections for a Democracy to work, and this seems to undermine this assurance. I think election officials and voter registration staff should undergo background checks as a minimum requirement establishing their trustworthiness.

I am also concerned about Rule 16.2.1 (c), which allows for electronic vote transmission. I understand that there may be extreme needs in rare circumstances, but the rule does not specify what constitutes such need. Nor does it specify measures to prevent fraud or mis-use. Again, the integrity of the vote, and citizen trust in the election system, is at stake, and we must be careful to institute all reasonable protections.

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