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Mr. Wayne Williams, Colorado Secretary of State;

I would like to provide my feedback and concerns on the proposed updates and changes to election rules. Most of them make sense, and seem to be updates or responses to changes in law. 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. Was this change required by law? 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. Much more can be done to this effect.

-Thanks,
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