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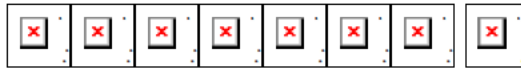
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I, Claudine Kappius, Chair of Sedgwick County, CO republican party hereby state my objection to voting by Internet! I also object to voting any way but a voting booth or mail in ballot for those who have no way to arrive at a voting booth on the appropriate day! Convenience is making way for voter-fraud! We truly have enough fraud without handing them a free pass.

On 5/13/2015 4:38 PM, Marilyn Marks wrote:



Dear County Republican Party Officials:

Just after citizens won a very tough fight against Internet voting for municipal elections (HB15-1130), Secretary of State Wayne Williams released a draft proposed rule to expand Internet voting in Colorado's federal, state, and most local elections. The draft requires public comment by Friday, May 15, at 5:00 P.M. Please send a comment to Secretary Williams to let him know that your county party opposes the expansion of Internet voting. Please ask your individual members to do the same.

The Secretary's website reveals that Pueblo County GOP and San Juan County GOP have already [submitted comments](#) opposing expanded Internet voting.

The message that many have adopted is one similar to this:

"In response to draft proposed Rule 16.2.1 (c), we object to any ambiguous wording in the rule that would permit a voter to use email voting except in truly hardship circumstances where postal mail ballot return or telephone facsimile return is not available. Those hardship cases should be limited to circumstances in which the

voter cannot expect the paper ballot to be received by the clerk within 8 days after election day if the voter returns his ballot by postal mail on the day he receives it, and there is no telephone facsimile return available."

Send your email to SOS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us

Background on the issue can be found [at this link](#) or by contacting me. The proposed rule greatly exceeds the very limited authority granted in 2006 by the General Assembly to accept ballots by email.

Many [experts have weighed in](#) on this issue and agree that we are years away from a safe online voting system.

EFF, the organization suing the government on NSA phone monitoring, [wrote this letter](#) to Secretary Williams about the inherent riskiness of email voting.

Please take a few minutes to have your county party weigh in on this urgent important issue.

The details of all proposed draft rules are [here](#).

Marilyn Marks
Denver

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