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The Honorable Secretary of State Williams
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Online Voting Rules

Dear Secretary Williams:

I regards to the rulemaking for online voting, the Libertarian Party of Colorado is opposed to implementing online voting at this time. In general and for face value most Libertarians generally like the idea and consider that it may have future benefits for the Libertarian Party and our candidates. We understand that it could possibly benefit our Armed Services personal stationed overseas. However after research, consulting with internet security experts, and reviewing documentation from the Department of Defense, we have some serious, grave concerns. There are many areas of elections process and integrity that will become issues.

The first area of concern is protecting voter anonymity and privacy. At what level can we be assured this will be maintained? How will the votes be accepted as being valid and verified without exposing the voter and their information? How will elections judges, citizen elections watchers be included in the process of verifying, monitoring, and accounting of the online votes?

Secondly, electronic science is daily dealing with the issues of malicious actors that intercept internet communications, act as someone else, hack servers, rewrite and corrupt the communications. These are huge unsolved problems that plague citizens, business and government continually.

Voting is a civic duty, responsibility, and foundation of our great republic. It is the position of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, it is imperative that that the public should be informed, provided transparency, whether or not e-voting is a secure, reliable and verifiable process before tax payer money is used to implement this process. Internet/Online voting should only be adopted after the technical challenges have been completely overcome; there has been extensive, informed public discussion of all of the issues involved with this new form of voting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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