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Please see the comments below, submitted on behalf of Adams County Clerk and Recorder Stan Martin.

Mr. Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Notice Draft regarding changes to the Elections Rules. Adams County agrees with the ESRC's comments except with respect to Rule 7.7 regarding Missing Signatures. For the following reasons, we recommend maintaining Rule 7.7 in its current form.

First, Adams County believes that the proposed changes would require the voter to submit an ID with their cure letter. Because we can compare the signature on the affidavit once returned, there should not be an additional burden placed on the voter to submit ID. Other voters whose signatures match are not required to submit ID; voters who forget to sign their ballot should be afforded the same treatment when curing.

Second, we believe the proposed changes to Rule 7.7 would also require counties to submit to the DA voter's names who did not sign their ballot. We believe that missing signatures and discrepant signatures are inherently different and should be treated accordingly. Where a discrepant signature often is an indicator of potential fraud, a missing signature is almost always a simple oversight by the voter. Given that many voters aren't inclined to cure a missing signature if an election has no close races, Adams County believes turning these voters over to the DA for investigation would result in voters feeling intimidated when law enforcement contacts them – all for a simple, innocent oversight. Not only would DA investigation be costly to tax payers but there is no opportunity for actual harm in the case of an uncured missing signature; the county simply would not count the ballot.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed draft rules. If you have any questions, please contact me at [smartin@adcogov.org](mailto:smartin@adcogov.org).

Thank you,



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