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I'm a Colorado citizen and an eligible voter

I have a right to a free and fair election, and the transparency to satisfy MYSELF that elections and our election system is free from and not vulnerable to fraud and corruption.

I am NOT satisfied or convinced that our 2020 election was free and fair, or that our election systems are secure.

Every election official in the state of Colorado is working for the People. That's me. I don't need to be told that our election system was the "gold standard;" I don't believe that, and every time you say it, I doubt you more.

The ONLY reason you are required, BY U.S. and State law, to retain all the election records is FOR THE PEOPLE to be able to satisfy themselves that our elections were or weren't free and fair

So, every statement you make trying to discredit the very idea, and now this bogus, illegal rule trying to prohibit, the independent forensic audit of our election and election systems, is a slap in the face to citizens and a direct challenge to the consent of the governed in the state of Colorado. If there is nothing to hide, then an audit will prove it.

Every citizen has a right to vote, ONCE, and to have that vote accurately counted and not altered or diluted by fraudulent votes and miscounting. NO CITIZEN has a right to "convenience" in voting, like registering or voting online or by mail, or to "efficiency," if that convenience or efficiency comes at the price of ANY reduction in integrity. Every single measure this administration and any past administration has taken (e.g. vote by mail, relaxed signature verification, automatic voter registration, black box voting machines, ranked-choice voting) and any you propose, that trade any amount of integrity to gain any amount of convenience or efficiency is a betrayal of trust of Colorado voters, is immoral and unethical, and makes you unfit for office.

I respectfully request, as a citizen, that SecState Griswold reverse course and restore public trust in our elections not through regurgitating talking points, but by supporting and enabling a full, independent, forensic audit of our elections and election systems, by revoking the rules that violate the public trust, and by refraining from this course of action."

A Proud American and a Colorado Citizen,  
Leslie A Applegate

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness

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