

Secretary of State Election Officials,

I am writing to express my concern over the scale, scope, and timing of the unprecedented number of non-emergency rule changes being proposed. I'm sure many others will go into detailed concerns over the specific proposed changes, so I will share my high-level concerns.

Whether you agree or not, it's clear that a significant percentage of Colorado voters have lost confidence in the integrity of the voting system from the processes and people to the voting equipment.

At a time like this, the SoS's office should be doing everything in its power to reassure voters of the integrity of the system – to live up to the "Gold Standard" that's been touted to the nation.

Instead, the SoS has proposed an unusually high number of rule changes including:

- Shift control from local County Clerks to the Secretary of State
- Remove and weaken citizen involvement in terms of Election Judges and Poll Watchers, including removal criteria for raising issues or having too many rejections
- Weaken around signature matching machine testing – which verifies around 77% of signatures
- Removing the requirement to provide secrecy envelopes for no good reason other than cost savings
- Eliminate chain of custody logs

All these proposed changes have the net effect of making the process less secure and less transparent at a time when the exact opposite should be done. I urge you to scale back these changes to only those that strengthen the process, and give voters added confidence in Colorado election integrity.

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