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I signed up to speak during the public comment session today, but since it is running long, I may not be able to be available when it is my turn. Here are my comments:

I am Karen Tallentire, a registered voter in Arapahoe County. I am registered with neither of the major parties. I have a degree in physics and know enough about computers, math, and programming to be willing to admit what I don't know. I also know what kind of person knows more than I do about these things, and very few politicians are that type of person. I am not seeing much evidence that the SOS staff knows enough to clearly explain what they are doing and why. I wonder how you know whether the wool has not been pulled over YOUR eyes?

What I am hearing with the talk about chain of custody is that you have installed a system which includes an excuse (no third parties allowed to see critical parts) for voters to be unable to examine the system. The system is intimidatingly technical to begin with, so few people would have the nerve to say they don't understand the checks and balances. If I, with years of experience in turning technical information into understandable English, don't know what these machines do, I would bet that at least 95% of voters have no idea how the system works. That is not a transparent system.

So you have a non-transparent system and now you are trying to make changes at a time when there are all kinds of reasons to question the election results. That raises even more red flags.

All the authority Jena Griswold has was given to her by the people of Colorado through an election. If any part of the election was fraudulent, it raises questions about other parts of the election. Now that these questions have been raised, until we have a transparent, forensic audit to show that the election that put her in authority was valid, Jena Griswold has no authority.

No changes to election law, or any other kind of law have validity unless done legally by legitimate authority. The Secretary of State's changes cannot be allowed until she demonstrates through an audit that she had any authority to make them.

If any person in authority obstructs an open and detailed audit in any way, that very obstruction, by common sense, brings their own authority into question. In a time when the government is throwing "free" money all over the place, cost is no excuse for not doing an audit. By her own actions Jena Griswold has brought her own authority under deep suspicion. I want to see a specific audit of the election that placed Jena Griswold as secretary of state, a full forensic audit of the entire state according to the standards set by Jovan Hutton Pulitzer, and a return to paper ballots which everyone understands.