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SOS,

I listened for almost the entire session. I do not remember any of the public speakers say anything in support of these changes. I hope this doesn't become an exercise in futility and you don't move forward with the proposed rules, because no one supports them, and you do need to represent you constituents.

I want to address 3 quick items... although I could list many of rules that are absolutely wrong with this course of action. Most of what I heard regarding these changes adds further distrust to our already distrusted election system.

- Centralizing the vote to 1 location is against the foundation of this country. Centralize power corrupts. Our Founding Fathers knew this. That is why we have State's rights. Responsibility for elections needs to remain in the individual counties.
- Audit, Audit, Audit.... make no stipulation requiring an "accredited" party. Who provides that "accreditation"??? Audit firms must be chosen by a bipartisan process (Period). And must be allowed!!
- I agree with many of the comments the engineer made... particularly regarding TESTING SIGNATURE VERIFICATION. You don't test the day of, or just the first 150 ballots. You TEST before the machines go into production and you verify all signatures!

Last few comments if you truly want Coloradoans to have more trust in your so-call "Gold Standard" of elections.

- NO MORE Dominion! This company has a distrusted reputation and their cooperation with today's state audits is arrogant, secretive, and not worth of the public trust. Replace Dominion!
- NO MORE PAPER BALLOTS!! Paper Ballots removes the sanctity of the Voting Booth to the kitchen table, the front door, on the street, and to sell to the highest bidder. People need to go into a voting booth and watch their vote get counted. Use to be I would press the "CAST VOTE" button, then see a paper trail of my vote. Just handing in a ballot, I know it was processed, but I don't know if it was processed CORRECTLY!!!! No IDEA and NO TRUST!
- NO MORE INTERNET CONNECTED VOTING MACHINES... All voting machines must be free of the internet and thumb drives (PERIOD). Voting tabulations need to be voice to a central counting location, with machine reports, paper logs, and secured machines (chain of custody) to audit the count.

If you are truly trying to restore faith in our elections... Stop adding FLAWs into the system. All elections must be allowed to be audited by multiple organizations and the results then compared.

NO PRICE IS TOO HIGH TO ENSURE OUR RIGHT TO VOTE FAIRLY, FREELY, AND WITH INTERGRITY IN THE RESULTS

Sincerely,
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