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Good morning,

My name is Emily Kastens. I live in Centennial, Colorado (Arapahoe County). I am 17 years old and I recently began my senior year of high school.

This past June, I had the opportunity to participate in virtual Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary CO. Secretary of State Jena Griswold came and spoke to all of us. The November 2020 election came up, and she made the claim that it was the safest and most secure election in our nation's history. I'm sorry...the safest and most secure election in our nation's history?! I'm confused now. Why the need for all the changes to the election rules then? If that election was the most secure, doesn't that mean the rules worked exactly the way they were supposed to?

As several testifiers mentioned this past Tuesday evening, why are you so hesitant to perform a forensic audit? Won't it just prove Secretary Griswold's claim right, that it was truly the safest and most secure election in our nation's history? Or are you scared it will prove the claim wrong? As far as I can tell, your resistance already proves it wrong!

This election was not safe. This election was not secure. this election was fraught with fraud, and it will be exposed! I certainly hope it will be exposed before the elections of 2022, so I can have confidence that my vote will count. From a young age, I have been excited to vote. I will finally have the opportunity next year...but now I'm not sure I want to. How do I know my vote is not going to be thrown away or switched to a candidate I did not vote for?

I want to know I'm voting in a truly safe and secure election. I want to know I'm voting in a free, fair, fraudless election! If Secretary Griswold's proposed rule changes are meant to enforce a free and fair election, I am all for them. But from what I've seen and heard, they're meant to do the exact opposite.

Thank you for your time. Have a blessed day.

~Emily Kastens