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To: <u>SoS Rulemaking</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Comments on Proposed Rules

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I object to these proposed Rules on the basis that each rule in it's own way is centralizing power into the hands of the Secretary of State. And yet in an odd twist, the new definitions also obscure who at the Department of State would hold the responsibility should a complaint arise creating a situation of "plausible deniability".

I object to stripping even more power and accountability from the County level Clerks and employees who are our elected representatives.

I object to the rules pertaining to Poll Watchers reporting immediately to the SOS. The Poll Watchers are temporary County level employees. These rule are creating a situation which will be problematic for the "chain of command" and do not improve on election security.

I object to the Micro Management from the SOS by requiring all the additional written logs. These rules do not increase election security.

I object to not taking forensic images of our election machines. I object to the rules prohibiting the back up of important logs that are mandated by both state and Federal law to be retained. The backed up of these logs files would provide the information that the aforementioned written logs are trying to record. However the computer log files will not "forget" to write it down, thus being a more secure method of tracking the information.

I object to the limit of one Poll Watcher at a Drop box. I object to drop boxes in general. IF we continue to utilize Drop Boxes they should be videos on live stream that the public can view in real time and easily access after the election for evidence of Ballot Stuffing that we now know is a reality. (See the Documentary bases on real data and whistle blower testimony which has lead to arrests in AZ.)

I object to limiting computer scientist ability to inspect the election machines. Limiting access to experts who can hold the manufacturers accountable is promoting mistrust. The voting systems are already opaque with software being held in Escrow by a foreign held company the NCC Group. The people demand transparent elections.

Respectfully submitted,

