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Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rules. We appreciate the time and effort that it took to prepare them. Please see below for several concerns that we have with individual proposed rules.

Proposed Rule: 20.7.2 (d)

We find that this rule is unnecessary and creates more issues than it solves. As mentioned by others, with the extreme heat and cold of Colorado, we feel that having sticker seals staying attached may become problematic. And of course if the seal isn't in perfect condition, perception of the public may be affected. In addition, we have no other seals that are so in the public space. We believe that this will become burdensome as people have a tendency to remove seals at gas stations and other locations where they are used. In each of these instances, our team would have to investigate what happened as well as filling out an incident report each time.

Proposed Rule: 20.11.1 (f)

We find this rule may be difficult for some small counties. In some instances, cameras are not accessible remotely. In those instances, staff would have to travel to a (potentially distant) location and have staff for that location present in order to enter the facility and check the video. We would propose that this rule be applicable to only those counties with remote streaming capabilities.

Proposed Rule: 8.2

We find that this rule, which on the surface looks acceptable, continues a troubling trend of removing election activities from the public eye. In the past several years there have been many rules put in place for the sake of election security and dealing with "threats" both inside and outside. One side effect of this is that while more questions arise about our elections, we seem to be becoming less transparent and potentially appearing to hide things to those who have legitimate questions.

Respectfully,

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