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A message from Sec. Coffman...

Dear Friend,

April was a busy month at the Secretary of State's office.

We had legislation introduced that will increase the transparency of our political processes; my office argued in favor of requiring membership organizations, such as unions, to gain permission from members before using part of their membership dues for political

[Coffman Urges Veto of Bill That Weakens Colorado Driver's Licenses](#)

Secretary Coffman sent Governor Bill Ritter a letter urging him to veto House Bill 07-1313, legislation that would significantly weaken the identity documents required to obtain a Colorado driver's license or identification card.

A driver's license is the most commonly presented form of identification when registering to vote in the State of Colorado.

[Read the full text of Secretary Coffman's letter.](#)

purposes; and I urged Gov. Ritter to veto a bill that will weaken the Colorado driver's license - which is the most common form of ID used when registering to vote.

I believe we need to strengthen the ID requirements to register to vote, not weaken them.

Mike Coffman

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Coffman Pushes For More Transparency in Political Process

Coffman called on lawmakers to support legislation pushed for by his office that will give the Secretary of State the resources to conduct a thorough review and overhaul of the Department's campaign finance website.

"Transparency is crucial to ensure the integrity of our political processes. Colorado's campaign finance website is in dire need of a complete overhaul to allow the public and members of the media to quickly and easily find information in the financial reports of campaign committees."

Coffman also announced that starting in October 2007 his office will require campaign committees that file with the Secretary of State to file electronically.

"Voters have a right to know who is supporting a particular candidate financially. By requiring campaign committees to report their contributions and expenditures electronically, we will make this information available to the public immediately."

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Coffman Convenes Task Force On Issues Facing Voters with Disabilities

This month, Coffman convened the "Voter Accessibility, Independence and Privacy Task Force" to examine election-related issues facing the Disability Community in Colorado.

"Disability Community leaders are primarily concerned with ensuring that every polling location is accessible to all voters, and that the voting equipment used in our elections enables every voter to vote privately and independently," Coffman said. "I have formed this task force so that their concerns are heard and addressed."

In its initial monthly meetings, the task force will focus on developing a fair and consistent policy to ensure that every

polling location across the state is accessible to all voters - as required by federal law.

"Our goal is to ensure that Colorado is 100% compliant with accessibility laws for the 2008 election," Coffman said.

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Denver Post Op-Ed

[Read Coffman's Op-Ed in the Denver Post](#) arguing in favor of requiring membership organizations - such as unions - to gain permission from their members before they transfer part of their membership dues to political committees.

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