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From: Carol Beckler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:16 PM
To: SoS Rulemaking
Subject: Watchers committee (Please distribute before Friday at 10:00 a.m. meeting)

I am writing in regards to the watcher law (CRS1-7-108).

1. Please accept my comment in the context of your deliberations on the access by watchers to the signature verification process for mail ballot envelopes. Given the use of all mail ballots in Colorado, the only method of verification of the voter's identity is to match the signature on the return ballot envelope to the voters' signature in the voter registration records. It is essential that each and every signature be made available to watchers for review and verification if requested by the watchers. Each signature should have the ability to be challenged by a watcher if the watcher believes that it is a discrepant signature.

I lost my election by 212 votes in Adams County, when we went to do a recount, we were told we could not have the signatures to verify. There was also doubt that the watchers did not verify every signature as per the law. If the mail ballot is to continue, the ballots should follow the law in how they are counted and checked. On the night of the election I had won, on Wednesday they said they had 25,000 more votes to count, on Thursday they had 18,000 more to count. We felt a recount should be done, but they said we could not verify the signatures. Many felt it had not been an honest election. For all that has to be done in campaigning and raising money as a candidate, if its truly honest, it is worth the try, if it is in question, why bother!

Sincerely,
Carol Beckler

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