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To: [SoS Rulemaking](#)
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Dear Secretary Williams,

Thank you for inviting us to the rulemaking hearing on July 11th in Denver. My wife and I are US citizens who live in Germany but are registered to vote in Colorado where I was born and raised. Until my retirement I was Professor of mathematics at the University of Hamburg where I gave numerous lectures in Social Choice theory in which voting systems are described in cooperative game theory.

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the hearing but we would appreciate it if it could be arranged that our comment, submitted on June 13th, be mentioned in the meeting. In our comment we proposed that the state of Colorado join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and we pointed out some serious flaws in the Electoral College voting system. Under the Electoral College system our elections can be much more easily manipulated than under a simple majority voting system.

To date there have been five presidential elections where the President did not receive the popular vote. This happened three times in the 19th century and already two times in this century, in 2000 as George W. Bush was determined president and in 2016 as Donald J. Trump was determined president. In our over 45 years in Europe we experienced that these were the only presidents who notably damaged the image of the United States in Europe but we had some comfort in being able to say that they were not elected by a majority of the American people.

Sincerely yours,

William and Helen Kerby