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Secretary of State Williams,

I am a Colorado voter concerned about your proposed revisions of election rules. I want to assure that these rules will not cause voter suppression. Please note the points below.

Please **CLARIFY** Amended Rule 2.5.4: The amended rule must clarify that the party affiliation of the voter only applies to a single primary in the election cycle, not all the primaries in the cycle.

Please **REJECT** Amended Rule 2.13.2: This rule would eliminate the requirement of election judges to maintain a log of new registered voters or of any changes made by register electors. These actions need to continue as they are critical to maintaining the integrity of fair and honest elections.

Please **REJECT** Amended Rule 8: This rule would not allow poll watchers to have any electronic device or mobile phone in their possession in the vicinity of the polling place. This is problematic because, without these, watchers would be unable to report voting irregularities in real time.

Please **CHOOSE OPTION 1** for Ballot Separation Options for Unaffiliated Voters. This option would allow unaffiliated voters to receive all major party ballots and the return envelope would provide a method for the county to determine which party's ballot has been cast. However, please assure that steps are taken to create a failsafe method for ensuring voter anonymity.

Please **CLARIFY OR REVISE** Cross Jurisdiction Voting: A mechanism for allowing cross-county voting could potentially encourage some counties to **REDUCE** the number of voting centers. Clarify or revise this process to prohibit counties from reducing the number of voting centers, so that voter turnout is not reduced due to confusion among voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed amendments.

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