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To: [SoS Rulemaking](#)
Subject: Rules Concerning Elections in Colorado
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Dear Secretary of State Wayne Williams,

The proposed changes to Colorado's election rules, as they are currently written, will make it more difficult for residents to cast their votes, confuse voters, and create undo work/cost for our counties.

One example of making it more difficult for residents to vote is the Amended Rule 2.5.4. Any resident should be permitted to change their party affiliation any time up to, and including, election day (same as registering to vote). The proposed rule would not permit any changes after the 29th day before the election which will disenfranchise many of our voters who need time to decide which party to support.

An example, of making things more confusing for voters is the ability to vote in adjoining counties. This is confusing and, with the ability to mail-in our ballots, entirely unnecessary. There is no benefit to voters or counties in this provision.

Making things tougher for counties include the provision that states only election judges are permitted to register new individuals and update registries. The provision would require counties to hire many more than the one or two per precinct they've used in the past. Most rural counties cannot afford the extra costs of hiring extra election judges.

I urge you to take EXTRA care to ensure ALL of our residents have as much access to registration, declaring affiliation, and voting as possible. Colorado saw 71.3 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in 2016. That is a number to be proud of. Let's do all we can to keep that number or make it higher in years to come.

Thank you for your time,

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