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To: State of Colorado Title Board  
From: Linda Templin, MPA, Executive Director for RCV for Colorado

Re: 2023-2024 #135 – “Candidate Access to the Primary Election Ballot”

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Measure 2023-2024 #135 – “Candidate Access to the Primary Election Ballot”

RCV for Colorado is a non-partisan organization devoted to expanding political choice for voters. This proposed measure unreasonably limits ballot access and thus reduces the political options available to voters.

**Second Subject: Americans with Disabilities Act Conflict**

The title of the above-captioned proposed measure includes an additional subject, which is the There is a Further, proponent’s materials do not address ADA accommodation. In order to achieve its stated objective, the measure would place undue burden on people with disabilities. The highest-level races will require more signatures to be gathered than one person and their campaign volunteers can gather. Revoking partisan ballot access disadvantages candidates with disabilities would have to pay more additional signature-gathering contractors than non-disabled candidates.

Having a ballot measure in conflict with federal civil rights law would encounter litigation in every election cycle. Asking the state to take on the burden to argue the merits would at a minimum require the voters to understand that they are voting on the second topic of rolling back ADA protections on the right to run for office.

**Other Issues: Misleading language and County Burden**

Further, the title of the above-captioned proposed measure is misleading to the voters. The language proposed measure states that it is merely concerning the process of accessing the ballot. This implies to the voters that the outcome is equal - that access is equal between means of access. This measure would remove access to the ballot for political parties. A more accurate title would be, “Restricting Candidate Access to the Primary Ballot”.

Additionally, the measure and its analysis fail to include the involvement of the counties. It appears at first glance that the fiscal impact is below the actual cost to the counties. Elections staff would have the burden of having to confirm each signature on each candidate’s petition. This process is laborious as the names and addresses are all handwritten, as such the majority of signature information is barely legible.

**Conclusion: Please REJECT due to multiple subjects**

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