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The Honorable Bernie Buescher
Colorado Secretary of State
1700 Broadway
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Dear Secretary Buescher,

Thank you for the invitation to attend this afternoon's press conference announcing Judd Choate as the new Election Director. I regret that I will be unable to attend the event due to a previously scheduled budget presentation to the Eagle County Board of Commissioners this afternoon.

It was an honor to serve on the selection committee for this critical position and to have such qualified and professional candidates to consider. I believe Mr. Choate possesses the right combination of election law knowledge, leadership experience and an understanding of the challenges involved in serving as a liaison between the various election partners necessary to enhance the election processes in Colorado.

I look forward to helping Mr. Choate adjust to his new role to the degree you feel it beneficial, and working closely with him and the rest of your team in the future. Please congratulate Mr. Choate for me.

Sincerely,

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