

The Honorable Scott Gessler
Department of State
1700 Broadway
Denver, CO 80290

August 04, 2011

Dear Secretary of State Gessler,

I am a registered voter and concerned citizen in Denver. I would like to comment on a portion of the recently proposed election rules.

I do not agree with the rule regarding the steps an “inactive” voter needs to take in order to activate or request a mail-in ballot. I believe that we should not be placing unnecessary obstacles in front of people because they simply did not vote in a past election. As I understand it, these voters are still *eligible and registered voters* and should be treated the same as “active” voters.

I believe it should be sufficient to require a voter to sign a document or letter in order to activate their voter status. I also support giving voters the option to call their county clerk to activate their status over the phone. I do not believe this in any way opens the door to potential fraud because these actions would only be to “re-activate” a voter status—not to change a voter’s registration or actually casting any votes.

Sincerely,
Sarah Stadler

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