



Dear Secretary of State Gessler:

My name is Jessica Cook Woodrum. I live at 1085 Lafayette Street in Denver, and I am here on behalf of One Colorado to comment on the proposed changes to our state's campaign finance rules.

As the state's leading advocacy organization for equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Coloradans, One Colorado believes that public and transparent campaign finance information allows voters to be better informed and make more educated choices. Our members are extremely engaged in the political process and actively seek information about ballot issues, particularly when they address the rights and freedoms of LGBT Coloradans. Past ballot initiatives such as 1993's Amendment 2 and Amendment 43 in 2006 have directly attacked LGBT rights, and voters deserve to know where the money funding campaigns like these is coming from.

This restriction of transparency also applies to political organizations who conduct "electioneering communications" that does not meet the very narrow definition of "express advocacy," as addressed by Proposed Rules 1.7, 1.10 and 7.2.1. These three changes would essentially erase current Colorado law that is designed to bring transparency and accountability to our state's political process.

Like it or not, money drives our elections and issue campaigns. When funds cannot be traced, voters are prevented from identifying the people, corporations and other groups pushing specific agendas here in Colorado.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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