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Scott Gessler
Secretary of State
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Re: Rulemaking Hearing of February 14, 2012

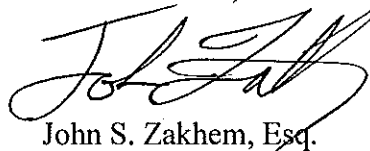
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to extend my regrets for not being in attendance for this Rulemaking Hearing, but prior engagements occupy my time. This letter will have to serve as my testimony in lieu of my attendance. Please enter this letter into the record for the Rulemaking Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2012.

I have reviewed the Revised Draft of Proposed Rules distributed on February 9, 2012 and I find them to be well thought out and necessary changes to the existing Secretary of State's Election Rules. These changes remove uncertainty and make for a more efficient administration of election regulations. Ballot security is of the utmost importance as it related directly to the integrity of our elections. The people of Colorado want a clear, transparent, and efficient process for conducting elections, and I believe these proposed rules will help achieve that end.

I stand in favor of these proposed changes.

Sincerely,
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