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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** SoS Rulemaking  
**Subject:** In favor of Rule 10.8

Dear Mr. Gessler:

I recommend the signing into law Rule 10.8, the ballot should remain anonymous.

First thing that comes to mind is loss of freedom, and people in their community hesitating to go to the polls for fear of retaliation. Another reason rule 10.8 should remain law are threats that can be made to any one individual. I heard of a case today where in the 2012 presidential election a business owner was threatened that if she did not vote for a particular candidate her business would be harmed. Tracing our voting choices back to an individual opens up possibilities that could bring financial and physical harm to our citizens for participating in the Democratic process. Numbering ballots is a serious violation of right to privacy, and also brings up a question of unconstitutionality; is this a violation of our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights?

Many thanks for your time and consideration in committing rule 10.8 into permanent law.

Sincerely yours,

J.Q.