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To: The Colorado Secretary of State, Mr. Scott Gessler.

From: The Vice Chairman of the Pueblo County Republican Party, Mr. Jerry Denney

The proposed changes in the rules for elections will eliminate party oversight and "Party Chosen Election Judges". They will maximize the county clerk's control of the election, which is unacceptable.

The definition of "election official" will no longer include the canvass board which is appointed in part by the major parties. The proposed rules would restrict the role of the canvass board that provides checks and balances on the clerk's work, which the canvass board is charged with accomplishing.

The term "election judge" is replaced by "election official and not all election officials are election judges. Partisan clerks can hire temporary or permanent employees and make them election officials. This was experienced in the Pueblo County recall election. There is no requirement for these employees to be of balanced political persuasion, and employees may be asked to register in a given party as a condition of employment.

The proposed rules undercut party oversight and eliminate party chosen election judges. This is unacceptable.

Citizen oversight of elections has been the standard in Colorado for over a hundred years. The proposed changes that affect the work of canvass boards and election judges are detrimental to having fair, honest, and transparent elections and should not be made. These are times that call for more citizen oversight of elections, not less.

The Secretary's proposed Rule 1.1.13 is in conflict with Colorado Election Law (Title 1), 1-1-104(10).

I respectfully request that Secretary Gessler halt these proposed rule changes.

Thank you for your consideration. Jerry Denney, Vice Chairman, Pueblo County Republican Party.