



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF COLORADO

October 2, 2013

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

Proposed Rule 14.2.2

Dear Secretary Gessler:

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that works to improve government and public policy through citizen education and advocacy. During its long history the League has been successfully conducting voter registration drives.

We have trained our volunteers and circulators well. Following the existing rule, our VRD organizers have taken the required training, passed the test, and then brought the training materials provided by the SOS to train individual circulators. The organizers have obtained and maintained on file signed attestations that each of the circulators will adhere to all the rules' requirements and that they are aware of the penalties should they not meet those requirements.

The proposed rule change requires each individual circulator to take the training online and receive a certificate upon completion. This necessitates that every volunteer circulator must somehow have access to a computer, which would be a burden particularly on seniors or low income individuals.

If implemented, this new rule will curtail the ability of voter registration drive organizers to recruit volunteers, who in turn help eligible citizens register to vote. It would appear that this proposed Rule 14.2.2 could inhibit and possibly prevent voter registration efforts on the part of volunteer organizations like the League of Women Voters in future elections.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roberta A. Heisterkamp in black ink.

Roberta Heisterkamp, President

Handwritten signature of Carol Tone in black ink.

Carol Tone, Voting Rights Specialist