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Dear Mr. Gessler:

I respectfully request that you not impose the new election rules as now proposed. I have served as a Ouray County Election Judge for over 10 years. I have lived through continuous and last minute changes in election procedures and rules. While many have indeed been improvements to the existing systems, the ones now being proposed are not only wasteful and burdensome, but they certainly seem to be subject to legal challenge in that they make fundamental fairness changes. Your proposed Rule 1.1.13 does not include Canvass Board members, which could prevent the current checks and balances by the Canvass Board. While the Ouray County Clerk and the other Clerks with whom I am familiar are impeccably honest, impartial and fair, that certainly may not be the case elsewhere. That balance is where the Canvass Board oversight is critical.

Another last minute change, both needless and costly, is the proposal relating to damaged ballots and the perceived need for further individual ballot inspection. This appears to be a solution where there is no problem.

These proposed last minute changes impose a tremendous unnecessary burden on all election officials, not just the County Clerks and their paid staff. While I do not know it for a fact, I suspect that most of the people involved in these last minute proposed changes have no on the ground election experience. If they did, they would realize the horrendous burden these last minute changes place on the County Clerks and all of the election workers. I truly hope that you will reconsider imposing these new last minute election rules.

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