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## Dear SOS Gessler,

It has come to my attention that you will be signing new guidelines for the election process in Colorado sometime soon (maybe even today). I hope you will consider waiting on the section dealing with appointments of election judges or officials. I live in Pueblo County and have taken an active interest in the election process since it has been rumored for years that our process is flawed and probably seeped in fraud. I trained as an election judge several years ago and served on election day as a precinct judge. I took the responsibility seriously and did my best to be helpful to potential voters while assuring the ballots were secure while in my care. In the last general election, I was told the judges had already been hired, but I could come to election headquarters and be a "watcher". While performing that task, several areas of concern were noted including lack of oversight both when gathering ballots from outlying areas and the USPS as well as questionable procedures when checking signatures. This year again I asked to be an election judge with a request to be placed in election headquarters and hopefully checking signatures, a task I performed many times in my career while verifying contracts. I was informed just this week that our County Clerk has already hired the needed election judges and my assistance was not needed.

Please do not take away the citizens right to at least check on the process inside the County Clerk's office by letting him appoint and hire his cronies and perhaps influence the outcome of this and future elections.

Respectfully, Barbara Vidmar