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Subject: I oppose proposed rule 7.2.6

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CO Sec. of State Scott Gessler

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I am writing to oppose the proposed rule 7.2.6.

As a Colorado voter it is important to me that voting is convenient and secure.

I am in favor of delivering a mail ballot to every registered voter in the state. Every voter should be able to return their ballot in the way that we choose, including giving my ballot to someone to return for me. I should not be required to disclose to anyone else the name of the person to whom I give my ballot for return. It is an invasion of my privacy and a burden, since Colorado law allows me to have someone return my ballot for me.

Our elections have safeguards to protect my vote. My signature is checked by qualified and trained election judges when my ballot is processed to be sure no one has forged my signature. These protections have been in place and worked for many years. There is no reason to require me to disclose who I gave my ballot to if I ask someone to return it for me.

I am also concerned about having to swear that I have marked my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe my ballot. I am entitled to exercise my fundamental right to vote as I choose. If I want to get together with trusted friends and mark my ballot, which would not be in private, I should be able to do so.

I request that proposed rule 7.2.6 not be adopted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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