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Your communications with overseas voters and the efforts by Mesa County voter registration civil servants and volunteers were really exemplary.

But on the ballot itself, the amendments were written in the finest, pure gobbledy-gook. If you wanted to do a satire on lawyer-speak, you could not do better than the last ones you ran. So why not restore voters' faith in valuing their contribution to democracy by consciously making propositions simple? Here is a pretend one as a model:

*In the year 20XX the State of Colorado received some \$ XYZ of tax receipts from licenced cannibus stores under current tax levels. Some voters would like to ring-fence the non-administrative portion of what we collect from these stores (by far the largest portion of the revenue we receive from them) for specific purposes. Specifically, they want you to back the ring-fencing of the cannibus revenues to fund a drugs-awareness programme in all our public and private schools as part of the annual curriculum for the foreseeable future. Others would like these funds ring-fenced in the same way but to support another objective, viz: to support the teaching of first aid in all our public and private schools. And others would like the receipts to go into the general spending pot, their argument being this would keep taxes down.*

*Vote for one only:  
keep things the way they are, ie, let the revenues go into the State Treasury and be applied to the wide range of expenditure all tax payers support.  
ring-fence the cannibus revenues and support a drug-awareness program in all primary/secondary schools as part of the curriculum.  
ring-fence the cannibus revenues and support a first aid program in all primary/secondary schools as part of the curriculum.*

The serious point is that if you want Colorado voters to understand the question and reflect on their answer maturely in the few moments they have in the voting process, then you have to be clear. If a question is not capable of being made simple and clear, it should not be put but left to the legislature. Yours faithfully,

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