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The Honorable Wayne Williams
Secretary of State Department of State
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Re: Proposed Rulemaking, Rule 7.9.9

Dear Secretary Williams,

Disability Law Colorado is a nonprofit organization established to protect and promote the legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities. It serves as the federally-mandated and state-designated Protection and Advocacy System for people with disabilities. Since Disability Law Colorado was founded in 1976, we have represented nearly 20,000 individuals with disabilities and assisted more than 65,000 individuals with disabilities in advocating for themselves.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments in response to your proposed rules issued on July 6, 2017.

Rule 7.9.9 Disability Law Colorado strongly supports your office's proposal for measuring and recording wait times at VSPC's in certain qualifying counties; however, we would like this rule to extend to counties with 25,000 active electors rather than just apply to those counties with 50,000 active electors. In addition, we would like to see this rule include a requirement that these counties post wait times throughout the course of the election so that people with disabilities can make informed choices based on the length of the lines and wait times at each VSCP. We believe that this would make the election much more accessible to people with disabilities by eliminating this barrier in the voting process.

Thank you again for allowing Disability Law Colorado the opportunity to submit our comment on this proposed rule. If you have any questions regarding this comment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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