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Dear Secretary Williams,

I am especially pleased with Rule 7.5.10 (new number) because it will aid those citizens who want to look closely at tabulation and cast vote records and who previously have not been able to do so because clerks kept ballots identifiable in-house until after certification. The current method forces our ballots to be tabulated in a black box. Colorado needs our election processes to be transparent. We need the voted ballots to be disassociated from the ballot return envelope batches at the earliest possible moment. Combine ballot batches and shuffle the ballots before tabulation to provide for ballot anonymity and privacy in voting.

In addition, I encourage serious contemplation, which I hope will lead to acceptance, of Harvie Branscomb's many detailed comments and suggestions, including concerning the value of Rule 7.5.10 (new number). Colorado is most fortunate to have a person of his caliber and dedication to read through the proposed rules very critically and offer an educated citizen's view that is consistent with the views of other election quality experts.

Harvie's comments and suggestions regarding new audits are especially valuable.

Thank you for this elongate rule-making process.

Sincerely,  
Mary Eberle

