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Subject: Comments - working draft election rules
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Dear SoS Staff,

My County Clerk and Recorder shared your email with me, because of the reference to reviewing ballot access of inmates incarcerated in Colorado County Jails.

As County Sheriffs, we are experts in many areas, but election law is not typically one of those areas. However, we take all of our responsibilities seriously, including protect ballot access to those in our custody who have a right to cast a ballot.

I do have a suggestion to share on how you can have the most productive conversation and dialogue on this issue statewide. I suggest that you reach out to the Colorado Jail Association. CJA is a group of county jail professionals who regularly meet and discuss topics, trends and challenges to the county jails spread across the state.

I would suggest that you consider reaching out to the Board of Directors at CJA and see if they can facilitate a dialogue between your office and the jails across the state on how to assure appropriate ballot access. CJA can be contacted through <https://sites.google.com/site/cjacorrectionscom/home>

Respectfully,

Sheriff Justin Smith