



July 30, 2019

The Honorable Jena Griswold
Secretary of State Department of State
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Re: Proposed Election Rules

Dear Secretary Griswold,

Disability Law Colorado (“DLC”) is a non-profit organization established to protect and promote the civil rights of individuals with disabilities. It serves as the federally-mandated and state-designated Protection and Advocacy System for people with disabilities. DLC appreciates the opportunity to comment on behalf of voters with disabilities in response to the proposed rules.

DLC would like to include language in the proposed rules that would establish a process under **Section 1-5-706, C.R.S.**, which provides people with disabilities with the option to vote in their own home by using assistive technology devices. In order to ensure that this online mail ballot process is accessible and without barriers to the election process, Disability Law Colorado suggests that the proposed rules include the following:

1. Establish a system where a printer is made available to voters in their home upon request.
2. Establish a process similar to that available to overseas and military voters under 8 CCR 1505-1(16.2.1(c)). The voter with a disability would also have the option to scan and email a ballot as a PDF when mailing a printed ballot is not available or feasible.
3. Establish a central help line for voters with questions on how to implement this online ballot accommodation.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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