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To: [SoS Rulemaking](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Citizen response for Rulemaking Hearing
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Dear Ms. Griswold,

This latest little set of edicts is not the most onerous, but they are part of the continued micromanagement of our county government from the state since the Democrats have seized majority control, and started to use it like a license for creeping usurpation of our rights as free citizens of Colorado. And micromanagement is a nice word for it. As it pertains to the office of the SOS, it represents the continued usurpation of the of local control of our elections, taken from our locally ELECTED County Clerks. It has criminalized actions taken by our elected County Clerks and has, for example, led to COUNTY OWNED equipment being taken out of use over technicalities imposed by the State, causing burdensome expense to the taxpayers to replace it. It takes up valuable time of Clerks and their staff on minutia and things that should be done according to their own discretion.

1.1.17 – Why is it necessary to continue to blur and dilute the role and definition of COUNTY CLERK? They are the elected official. They are supposed to be able to represent and run their office.

1.1.29 – This appears to re-define election project backup to exclude a full or partial image or clone of the election system? It is easy to see what this is related to. Are you going for a less complete back-up, that leaves an incomplete record, and does not meet Federal election law standards?

4.8.8 – In spite of being a melting pot of the greatest diversity in the history of the world, the English language has always been the official language of the United States. It draws us together with a common way of communication. And new citizens were anxious to learn it, because they want to be fully Americans! This translating into other languages is burdensome, expensive and should not fall within the duties of the County Clerk's office. Add to that under 4.1.2m "culturally appropriate". Our government is under the American culture and it is imperative for immigrants WHO HAVE BECOME CITIZENS SO CAN VOTE, to be willing to adapt to the USA. County Clerks have enough to do without having to figure out how to adapt to all the varying cultures of people who have come to the USA to have the rights and privileges of being a US citizen. That is what has allowed us to come together as a nation.

8.8.4 AT EACH BALLOT DROP BOX, ONE WATCHER. How does that accommodate bi-partisan watchers? This is arbitrary and sets up a situation where the watcher will not have accountability.

In summary, I object to all of this latest set of micro-managing, government over-reach!

Respectfully submitted,
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¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:11-12