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To the Colorado Department of State Rule Making and Governing Body,

I am a citizen of Highlands Ranch, Colorado and am DEEPLY CONCERNED with what appears to be the OVERSTEPPING of the Secretary of State's duties in regards to rules concerning election processes and overall election integrity.

What I am hearing and seeing as I read through each Section listed is the sole authority of the Secretary of State to "authorize, promulgate, and adopt rules". When one person is given that much authority over an entire system, there are no checks and balances. No ONE PERSON should have the power to control so many aspects of voting processes REGARDLESS of political affiliation.

Putting one person in charge of election security and nullifying the role of essentially 64 County Clerks seems very suspicious. One person taking on the responsibility and authority of 64 clerks . . . definitely not a good use of Clerks and also punishing them for doing their most important job which is LOOKING FOR IRREGULARITIES and ensuring election integrity.

Who does this actually benefit??

And why aren't there representatives from every political party to oversee and create fair election and voting rules for ALL CITIZENS??

It seems to me that the power to change and manipulate current voting standards is put in the hands of one position: the Secretary of State. And currently that person overtly represents leftist and extremist values. How can that possibly be right for all citizens??? Would there also be this much opposition if a Republican were the Secretary of State?

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not give all the power to the position of Secretary of State. I do agree that the position of Secretary of State should definitely monitor elections and the integrity of elections, but the Secretary of State must not have the ultimate power to "authorize, promulgate, and adopt rules" at will or without some type of Board or Committee that ultimately votes on changes and has constituents from every political party to represent all citizens.

This should be a bipartisan issue! So if there is so much opposition about this that should definitely be a huge and waving RED FLAG.

Thank you for considering my comments. **My goal is to promote bipartisanship and is ultimately just about fair and honest elections and voting integrity!!!!**

Respectfully,

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