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## GENERAL COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULES:

Elections belong to the citizens of every county. Centralizing power at the state level is not consistent with administering elections at the county level. Each county has the right to select the procedures for administering elections, including abolishing machines and tabulators and returning to paper ballots and hand counting on election day. Dominion election systems have been shown to allow deleting of files essential to auditing the ballots, contrary to the federal and state statutes. The proposed rules ignore the statutory requirement in CRS 1-5-601.5 to comply with the Federal Election Commission's 2002 Voting System Standards (VSS).

Respectfully submitted,

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