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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elections Rules Amendments support
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Dear Office of The Colorado Secretary of State,

I am writing to support proposed amendments to Elections rules which would require providers of voting systems to demonstrate the accessibility features of their voting systems, including the audio that a blind voter would hear when marking a ballot. In previous demonstrations of voting systems in Colorado, the nonvisual access features available to the blind were talked about but rarely demonstrated. This rule change is critical for blind voters to gain a clear understanding of how the voting system would work from a nonvisual perspective.

I am blind and have been successfully using the accessible on-line voting system in Colorado for several years. It was confusing at first and does require good skills with the accessible technology. I have been encouraging my blind friends to use the system for voting, and it would help so much to have better instructions and demonstrations for blind voters.

Thank you very much,

Julia Zanon
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