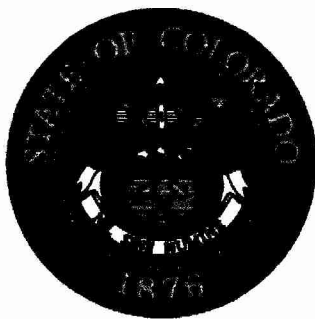


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**RE: Public Access to State Recertification of Electronic Voting Systems**

Dear Colorado Voter Group:

The Secretary of State's office is in receipt of your correspondence of March 28, 2007 regarding the state's recertification of electronic voting systems.

As you know, the promulgation of Rule 45 was open to the public, and we received valuable input from experts and concerned citizens. In adopting the Rule, our office also published a comprehensive background document, summarizing the rule drafting process and detailing particular issues with regards to electronic voting equipment. I strongly encourage you to read the complete "Statements of Basis, Purpose and Specific Statutory Authority" posted on our website on March 16, 2007. In adopting the rule, we wanted to provide the public with as much information as possible to ensure a transparent and open process.

The recertification process will likewise be transparent. As is explained in Rule 45, our office will document all tests and processes. We encourage members of the public to attend the public demonstrations of each system. Notices will be posted one week before each public demonstration, and the media and interested organizations, such as yours, will be contacted so you have the opportunity to attend.

It is in Colorado's best interest that the recertification process be thorough, transparent and accountable. Our objective is to make sure the technology used in our elections is secure and accurately counts every vote in a verifiable manner.

We welcome public participation in this process. I would like to meet with you to further discuss these issues. Please call me at (303) 894-2200 so we may arrange a time to meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DK", written over a white background.

Dan Kopelman  
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