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Colorado County Clerks Association Statement as a Result of the Secretary of State's Findings on Colorado's Election Equipment

As elected officials whose mandate is to ensure transparent and accurate elections for our voters, and to remain in compliance with federal requirements, we recommend legislation for a one-year stop-gap measure permitting a 2008 all-mail ballot system for both next year's August primary and the November general election.

Colorado County Clerks are aware that our primary responsibility is to represent the voters of our counties. Any solution must be both fiscally responsible and build trust and reliability that every voter will have access to the ballot and every voter's ballot will count

County Clerks are confident that the elections in Colorado have been transparent, accurate, and reliable. We understand that the process can always be improved to continue to build voter confidence.

Recent legislation and rule making have driven the events of the last week. This culminated in the findings of the testing panel. While these findings have caused stress and uncertainty, the Colorado Clerks are confident that we can work in partnership with the Secretary of State and the State Legislature to find solutions.

We know our voters demand and deserve a successful 2008 election.