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Dear Jessika,

Please place the email I just sent, copied below, in the committee members' folders. It would be helpful if this message were read into the record.

Thank you, and I apologize for my flying fingers last evening, which refuse to remember the interesting spelling of your name!

Mary

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Subject:[Colorado Voter].4837 Re: HB15-1130 -- please review before voting in House Committee today

Date:Wed, 25 Feb 2015 08:48:11 -0700

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Dear Chair Ryden, Vice-Chair Salazar, and Members of the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee,

In case HB15-1130 is amended today to include "electronic transmission" as a method for the voter to submit the voted ballot to the clerk, I recommend a further amendment to increase the integrity of the election process. The text should mirror the following wording in Title 1, which recognizes that email or web-based return of ballots is insecure:

1-8.3-113. Transmission and receipt of ballot. (1) A covered voter who requested and received ballot materials by electronic transmission may also return the ballot by

electronic transmission:

(a) In circumstances where another more secure method, such as returning the ballot by mail, is not available or feasible, as specified in rules promulgated by the secretary of state; or

(b) If the ballot is for a recall election conducted under article 12 of this code.;

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Furthermore, I urge you to omit recall elections from the elections covered by this bill. The state constitution lays out a tight time frame for recall elections so that a person whom citizens have petitioned to be removed from office can be quickly removed if the electorate wishes. Expanding that tight time frame would be unconstitutional, and it wrongly would support increasing the incumbent's time in office before facing a vote on whether he or she should be recalled.

Because of the approaching snowstorm, I will not be attending the hearing today.

Thank you for your service, and please be safe on your return home this evening.

Respectfully,

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On 2/8/2015 4:48 PM, Mary Eberle wrote:

Dear Chair Ryden, Vice-Chair Salazar, and Members of the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee,

Please take the opportunity to review HB15-1130: Concerning voting by military and overseas voters ... before it is voted on by your committee. The bill title and description imply that the intent is to facilitate voting by military and overseas voters in municipal elections.

However, the provisions do not seem to focus on the delivery and return of ballots to those targeted voters in most municipal elections. Additionally, recall timing provisions appear to conflict with the Colorado Constitution.Â

Numerous issues with the current version of the bill need review by your committee before the committee moves the bill to the Committee of the Whole. Please take this opportunity to review the issues in the bill and consult with subject matter experts and then support amendments to the bill so that it will be more congruent with the apparent legislative intent.

Thank you for considering my requests. I regret that it is unlikely that I can be present for the hearing tomorrow, but I will try to listen to it live and at least listen to the audio archive.

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