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Dear Election Judge,

The person presenting this letter together with a completed "Certificate of Appointment & Oath of Watcher" has been certified by a political party, unaffiliated or write-in candidate, or issue committee to serve as a polling place Watcher for the 2012 General Election.

The designated election official must assign at least one election judge in each precinct polling place, early voting location, vote center, or other election location to be the Watchers' point of contact. The election judge must provide a list, log, check-in card or other similar information identifying individuals who have voted. Any documents provided to the Watchers may not be taken outside the polling place. Watchers may observe all activities within the polling place, but must stay at least 6 feet from voting booths, ballot boxes, and DREs.

The following further summarizes Watcher rights, responsibilities, and restrictions.

Watchers may:

- Observe any part of the election process including early voting and the processing and counting of precinct, provisional, and mail-in ballots;
- Be present while judges set up the polling place before polls open, during voting, and after the polls close while the judges finish their work;
- Observe each stage of the process including running the zero tape on voting machines and receiving and bundling of the mail-in ballots;
- Maintain their own list of eligible electors who have voted;
- Compare the final county machine vote totals with the pollbook check-in totals;
- Leave and return during the hours the polls are open (another certificate of appointment is not necessary, the original certificate will suffice);
- Be designated to observe more than one polling place; and
- Challenge ineligible electors in writing (no oral challenges are allowed).

Watchers may not:

- Record ballot numbers or other identifying information about electors, but they must be provided with a way to find out who has voted;
- Handle election supplies;
- Take pictures or make any video or digital recordings within the polling place;
- Use cell phones, laptops, smartphones, cameras, or other electronic devices in the voting area and ballot processing and counting locations;
- Interrupt, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with the orderly process and conduct of any election; or
- Interact with election judges, except the judge designated as the Watchers point of contact.

Thank you for your service as an election judge. You play a critical role in Colorado elections. For additional information, please see sections 1-7-106 and 1-7-108, C.R.S., and Election Rule 8. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your county elections office.

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