

Complaint to Canvass Board for Investigation

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By Jim Fletcher, Boulder County Elector, Voter ID#8035093

Regarding: UOCAVA ballot receipt and processing device

As a registered elector of Boulder County, I am filing this complaint with the Canvass Board for investigation in accordance with CRS 1-7-514.

UOCAVA ballots are being received in the Clerk's office by electronic means through email and facsimile devices. I believe that the electronic devices being used to receive, record and print these ballots are not adequately secured or tested, and the process has not been validated. To date, County Clerk and Records Office has refused Watcher access, observation, verification or answers to inquiries during the process.

It cannot be verified that the logs of the ballots received are complete and that the ballots have been subject to proper bi-partisan controls of judges' processing or oversight. Ballots could be missing from the logs as well as missing from the electronic storage of the email ballot transmission.

Due to the lack of testing of systems and inadequate security devices, ballots electronically transmitted from UOCAVA voters are subject to loss, destruction, poor quality transmission, and improper editing. I believe bi-partisan judges are not processing the ballots and securing these ballots recorded by these devices. There are numerous watcher reports that have been made available to the canvass board which document the details of experience with these devices. Those form the basis of my concerns and evidence of problems as required by 1-7-514.

As a voter, I am concerned that ballots are being improperly secured, approved, handled or rejected that will impact the results and may offset the impact of my own ballot, and those of similarly situated voters.

Please investigate and resolve the lack of security and processing controls in this system to protect both the UOCAVA ballot voters and the other voters whose votes should not be offset by security lapses in the UOCAVA process.

Please let me know if you need additional information.



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