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CLERK AND RECORDER



Attachment A

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Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee
Madam Chair and Committee Members, Senator Hodge;

Please accept my apology for communicating with you today by letter. I am not feeling up to attendance at the Committee hearing for SB13-243, Petition Requirements County Commissioner Elections. I appreciate the ability to convey my thoughts to you by this means.

As the Adams County Clerk & Recorder, I ask for your support of SB13-243, regarding petition signature requirements for ballot access by eligible electors who wish to run for County Commissioner.

As you have learned today, the law has a gap which does not address the number of signatures required for individuals who choose to petition to the ballot. Because we will have 2 new Commissioner Districts established in Adams County, we need a mechanism to determine the numbers. This is a gap situation only created when moving from 3 to 5 commissioners or reducing from 5 to 3.

We have worked with several groups to develop the bill, including our Adams County Board of County Commissioners, the Colorado County Clerks Association and Secretary of State's staff to make certain this new law will provide guidance for any County's use moving into the future.

Special thanks to our entire Adams County legislative delegation for sponsoring/co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation.

Today, you have been given background information regarding this issue. We are happy to answer questions you may have.

Thank you for your interest in the issue.

I would ask for an aye vote for SB13-243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Long'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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